



People mourn during a religious service in memory of the plane crash victims in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015. A Russian official says families have identified the bodies of 33 victims killed in Saturday's plane crash over Egypt. The Russian jet crashed over the Sinai Peninsula early Saturday, killing all 224 people on board, most of them were holidaymakers. (AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev)

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Canada:

Justin Trudeau sworn in as new prime minister

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Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Justin Trudeau was sworn in Wednesday as Canada's new Liberal prime minister, promising a less controlling style of "government by Cabinet" after almost 10 years of Conservative rule under Stephen Harper.

The 43-year-old Trudeau, a former school teacher and member of Parliament since 2008, became the second youngest prime minister in Canadian history.

"Government by Cabinet is back," Trudeau said, vowing to have an open and transparent government. Power in Harper's government was centered around his office.

The new leader is the son of the late Pierre Trudeau, who served as prime minister from 1968 to 1984 with a short interruption and remains one of the few Canadian politicians known in other countries.

Justin Trudeau mouthed "I love you" to his young family and his mother after being sworn in.

"I think of my father and how pleased he must be that Canada so firmly came together around an ambitious vision for the country that we presented," Trudeau said.

"But my thoughts today, sorry Dad, aren't mostly on him, but with my own kids and the kids across Canada. We are going to work very hard to ensure we have a better future."

The new prime minister now has the chance to restore his father's Liberal legacy, providing a generational change in the party's leadership.

lice officer, is the new defense minister.

Women make up half of the Cabinet. Asked why gender balance is important is, Trudeau said: "Be-

ings were held in secret and ministers never spoke after them.

Trudeau talks often about "sunny ways" and ran a campaign with an optimis-



Justin Trudeau, and his wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, and their children Xavier, Ella-Grace and Hadrien and Trudeau's mother Margaret Trudeau walk to Rideau Hall with his future cabinet to take part in a swearing-in ceremony in Ottawa on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015. The 43-year-old son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, became the second youngest prime minister in Canadian history.

(Sean Kilpatrick/The Canadian Press via AP)

Most of Trudeau's Cabinet members are between the ages of 35 and 50. He said he's appointed a Cabinet that looks like Canada. Former failed Liberal leader Stephane Dion, who lost an election for the party previously, is the new foreign affairs minister while Toronto businessman Bill Morneau is the new finance minister. Harjit Sajjan, a former Canadian soldier, Afghanistan war veteran and po-

cause it's 2015."

"Canadians from all across this country sent a message that it is time for real change, and I am deeply honored by the faith they have placed in my team and me," Trudeau said earlier in a statement.

The Cabinet is scheduled to hold its first meeting in the afternoon and then face the media — a departure from the Harper era. Harper Cabinet meet-

tic theme.

His youthful demeanor and enthusiasm also provides a sharp contrast with the sober and dour Harper, who stepped down as prime minister just ahead of the swearing-in ceremony.

Trudeau and his wife and his new Cabinet arrived at Rideau Hall on a bus for the swearing-in ceremony. They waved to a large crowd as they walked up the grounds to the hall. □

Moody's warns of impact from slow China, US rate hike

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Rating agency Moody's warned Wednesday that a slowdown in global growth linked to China and a rise in U.S. interest rates are two key reasons why it could lower its credit grades for countries next year.

Though the agency's overall view is that a "shallow" economic recovery around the world should help shore up the ratings it assigns to countries, it said there's potential for some downgrades in 2016 and that risks are "tilted to the downside."

In a wide-ranging report, the agency cautioned that a rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve, which would be its first in more than nine years, could hit emerging market countries. Investors have used low interest rates in the U.S. to borrow money to invest in higher-growth, riskier economies around the world.

Moody's said higher U.S. interest rates will create more uncertainty for countries like Turkey, Tunisia, Venezuela and Argentina, that have in recent years benefited from foreign investment.

It does not, however, forecast a crisis in emerging markets.

The agency also warned that a sharp slowdown in China would have "broad implications and negatively affect trading partners and economies that are highly dependent on commodity exports."

China has been the main locomotive of the world economy over the past few years but its growth is now coming off the boil. Though its economy is still expected to grow about 6-7 percent range in the coming year, that is much slower than in the previous few years.

Jitters over China's economy have become more acute this year, notably in August, when global stock markets suffered one of their biggest routs since the dark days of 2008-9. □

North Korea: US action could open path to treaty

LONDON (AP) — North Korea says the United States needs to end its "nuclear-based threats and blackmail" and respond to the North's recent diplomatic overture to formally end the decades-old Korean conflict. Fighting ended in 1953 without a peace treaty, leaving North and South Korea still technically at war.

Speaking in an interview this week in London with Associated Press Television

News, senior North Korean Foreign Ministry official Jong Tong Hak said a permanent peace settlement on the Korean Peninsula first requires a North Korean-U.S. agreement.

Discussing North Korea's view of the root cause of tensions, he blamed what he described as "the U.S. government's decades of hostile policies against the DPRK and its endless nuclear-based threats, blackmail and manipula-

tive schemes."

North Korea's official name is the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, or DPRK. He said Washington provides "strategic nuclear weapons" to South Korea, "in other words the nuclear-powered aircraft carriers it always pushes (toward the DPRK) and the strategic nuclear bombers it always has flying in the skies above the southern part of the Korean Peninsula." Jong said a compromise to break

the impasse requires decisive action by Washington. "The issue of signing a peace treaty between the DPRK and the United States depends on the policy determinations of the U.S. administration," he said, adding that Washington must "make a policy decision to respect our republic's sovereignty and end the decades-long hostility between the DPRK and the U.S. to guarantee peace in the Korean Peninsula." □

Officials Suggest Bomb May Have Downed Russian Jet

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British and U.S. officials said Wednesday they have information suggesting the Russian jetliner that crashed in the Egyptian desert may have been brought down by a bomb, and Britain said it was suspending flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula indefinitely.

Intercepted communications played a role in the tentative conclusion that the Islamic State group's Sinai affiliate planted an explosive device on the plane, said a U.S. official briefed on the matter. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss intelligence matters publicly.

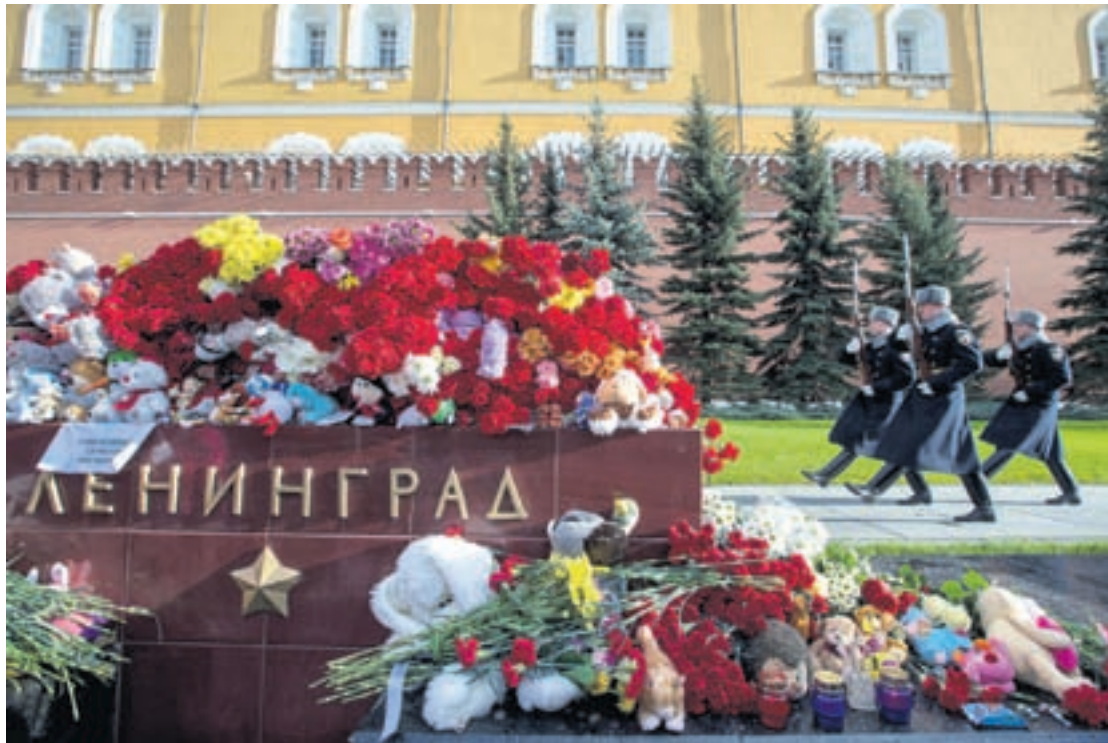
The official and others said there had been no formal judgment rendered by the CIA or other intelligence agencies, and that forensic evidence from the blast site, including the airplane's black box, was still being analyzed.

The official added that intelligence analysts don't believe the operation was ordered by Islamic State leaders in Raqqa, Syria. Rather, they believe that if it was a bomb, it was planned and executed by the Islamic State's affiliate in the Sinai, which operates autonomously.

Other officials cautioned that intercepted communications can sometimes be misleading and that it's possible the evidence will add up to a conclusion that there was no bomb.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said there was a "significant possibility" the crash was caused by a bomb, and Britain was suspending flights to and from the Sinai resort of Sharm el-Sheikh indefinitely. After a meeting of the British government's crisis committee, COBRA, Hammond said Britain was advising its citizens not to go on vacation to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is visited by hundreds of thousands of Britons a year.

Meanwhile, Russian and



The Kremlin guards pass flowers and toys laid at the memorial stone with the word Leningrad (St. Petersburg) at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside Moscow's Kremlin Wall in Moscow, Russia. Mourners have been coming to St. Petersburg's airport and other places since Saturday with flowers, pictures of the victims, stuffed animals and paper planes.

(AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin)

Egyptian investigators said Wednesday that the cockpit voice recorder of the Metrojet Airbus 321-200 had suffered substantial damage in the weekend crash that killed 224 people. Information from the flight data recorder has been successfully copied and handed over to investigators, the Russians added.

Prime Minister David Cameron's office said British aviation experts had been sent to Sharm el-Sheikh, where the flight originated, to assess security before British flights there would be allowed to resume.

Several British flights due to leave Sharm el-Sheikh for the U.K. Wednesday were grounded, leaving hundreds of tourists stranded. Cameron's 10 Downing St. office said late Wednesday that the team's preliminary report "noted that the Egyptian authorities had stepped up their efforts but that more remains to be done." Downing Street said it could not say "categorically" why the Russian jet had crashed.

"But as more information has come to light, we have become concerned that the plane may well have been brought down by an explosive device," it said in a statement.

Cameron had discussed

the issue of security at the Sharm el-Sheikh airport with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who flew to Britain on Wednesday for an official visit, Downing Street said.

The British disclosures were an embarrassment to el-Sissi, who had insisted in an interview with the BBC on Tuesday that the security situation in the Sinai Penin-

Sea resorts.

The Irish Aviation Authority followed the British lead and directed Irish airlines to suspend flights to Sharm el-Sheikh Airport and into the airspace of the Sinai Peninsula "until further notice." The British acted "too soon," said Hany Ramsay, deputy head of Sharm el-Sheikh's airport.

"Other countries might



Egyptian Military experts examine a piece of an engine at the wreckage of a passenger jet bound for St. Petersburg in Russia that crashed in Hassana, Egypt.

(Maxim Grigoriev/RMES via AP)

sula is under "full control." He has staked his legitimacy on restoring stability and reviving Egypt's economy. The suspension of flights is a further blow to Egypt's troubled tourism industry, which has suffered in the unrest that followed the 2011 Arab Spring. The one bright spot for Egypt has been tourism at the Red

soon follow them, Ramsay told The Associated Press, suggesting there may be political and commercial motives behind the British statement.

"They want to hurt tourism and cause confusion," he added.

Several airlines, including Lufthansa and Air France, stopped flying over Sinai

after the crash, but British carriers had kept to their schedules. Almost 1 million Britons visit Egypt each year, many to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is also popular with Russians.

The Metrojet flight carrying mostly Russian vacationers from Sharm el-Sheikh to St. Petersburg broke up in the air at an altitude of 31,000 feet 23 minutes after take-off and came down in the Sinai desert, Russian officials said.

The plane crash site, 70 kilometers (44 miles) south of the city of el-Arish, lies in the northern Sinai, where Egyptian security forces have for years battled local Islamic militants.

Two U.S. officials told the AP on Tuesday that U.S. satellite imagery detected heat around the jet just before it went down.

The infrared activity could mean many things, including a bomb blast or an engine on the plane exploding due to a malfunction.

One of the officials who spoke condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the information publicly said a missile striking the jetliner was ruled out, because neither a missile launch nor an engine burn had been detected.

The Islamic State group claimed it had downed the plane because of Moscow's recent military intervention in Syria against the extremist group, but el-Sissi dismissed that as "propaganda" aimed at damaging Egypt's image.

Douglas Barrie, military aerospace expert with the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, said it was too soon to say for sure the cause of the crash but the "general suspicion" that an explosive device was involved has been mounting. He said the British government's decision made sense.

"It's a decision to err on the side of caution if it has been deemed possible that an explosive device was involved and there are concerns about the levels of security at the airport involved," he said. □

'Hero' officer staged his suicide, embezzled from youth program

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Associated Press

ROUND LAKE BEACH, Illinois (AP) — A police officer whose fatal shooting triggered a costly manhunt north of Chicago in fact committed suicide, carefully staging his death because he was about to be exposed as a thief, authorities said Wednesday.

Police Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz embezzled thousands of dollars from the Fox Lake Police Explorer program for seven years, and spent the money on such things as mortgage payments, travel expenses, gym memberships and adult websites, Lake County Major Crimes Task Force Commander George Filenko said.

"We have determined this staged suicide was the end result of extensive criminal acts that Gliniewicz had been committing," Filenko said.

Just before he died, Gliniewicz radioed that he was chasing three suspicious men in a swampy

Gliniewicz's death on Sept. 1 set off a large manhunt, with hundreds of officers searching houses, cabins and even boats on area lakes. Helicopters with heat-sensing scanners and K-9 units scoured the area for days. Some 50 suburban Chicago police departments and sheriff's offices assisted, racking up more than \$300,000 in overtime and other costs, according to an analysis that the Daily Herald newspaper published in early October. Filenko endured blistering questions from skeptical journalists about his handling of the two-month investigation.

"We completely believed from day one that this was a homicide," Filenko said. "Gliniewicz committed the ultimate betrayal."

More than 100 people submitted to DNA tests as investigators sought matches to evidence collected at the crime scene — genetic tests that Filenko said ultimately found nothing. Asked on Wednesday



This photo provided by the Fox Lake PD shows Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz. Authorities announced Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, that Gliniewicz committed suicide, carefully staging his death because he was about to be exposed as a thief, authorities said Wednesday.

(Fox Lake PD photo via AP)

area near Fox Lake, a suburb north of Chicago. Backup officers later found the Army veteran's body about 50 yards (45 meters) from his squad car. His handgun wasn't found for more than an hour, even though it was less than three feet from the body, Filenko said.

whether that evidence will now be destroyed, Filenko said he didn't know. More than 100 investigators stayed on the case for weeks, even as questions arose and investigators began to concede that they could not rule out suicide or an accident. One hint came when Rudd an-

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nounced that Gliniewicz was killed by a "single devastating" shot to his chest, prompting an angry response from Filenko, who said releasing such details put "the entire case at risk." But Filenko revealed Wednesday that as the case progressed, investigators were uncovering incriminating texts and Facebook messages Gliniewicz had sent, expressing fears as early as May that his thefts were about to be exposed by an audit of the Explorer program being conducted by a new village administrator.

"If she gets ahold of the old checking account, im pretty well f(asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk)ed," the first message reads.

He had deleted the texts, but authorities were able to recover them anyway. Investigators released some of them verbatim, but did

not identify the people he sent them to.

"This village administrator hates me and explorer program," he said in another. "This situation right here would give her the means to CRUCIFY ME (if) it were discovered."

On Aug. 31, the day before he killed himself, Gliniewicz wrote that the administrator had demanded a complete inventory and financial report on the program. As the case progressed, investigators were uncovering incriminating emails that Gliniewicz had sent, suggesting he felt his thefts were about to be exposed by an audit of the Explorer program.

In a brief statement, Village Administrator Anne Marrin said the officer even threatened her personally after she began asking tough questions.

Filenko wouldn't say how

much money Gliniewicz allegedly embezzled, only that it's in the "five figures." Marrin told the AP that the village didn't know how much the program took in or spent, and also needed an accurate inventory of assets for insurance purposes.

"That was the problem — we didn't have any of the financials."

On Aug. 31, she asked again about the inventory. "I said do you have that and he said 'yes ma'am. And I said, 'good, can you have that to me at 2 o'clock?' And he said 'yes, ma'am.'"

Gliniewicz, 52, was a 30-year police veteran and expert crime scene investigator, his boss said, and took elaborate steps to try to make it look like he died in a struggle, including shooting himself twice in the torso. □



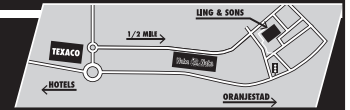
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Gunman surrenders at San Diego complex; no injuries reported

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Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A gunman in a rooftop apartment surrendered to police Wednesday after a more than five-hour standoff that interrupted air traffic at the San Diego airport.

The domestic violence suspect with a high-powered rifle shot off numerous rounds inside his complex near the San Diego International Airport, prompting the Federal Aviation Administration to halt planes from landing as a precaution.

The suspect walked out of the complex and was taken into custody around 2:30 p.m. — hours after officers swarmed the building and exchanged gunfire with him, San Diego Police Lt. Scott Wahl told The Associated Press. No one was reported hurt.

The complex is under the airport's approach path, and planes swoop low near the suspect's neighborhood before landing. Departures were allowed, though their schedules were affected because there were no incoming flights.

The suspect opened fire on

officers responding to a domestic violence call shortly after 9 a.m. at the complex in the trendy Bankers Hill neighborhood near downtown, Wahl said. The shots came "within inches" of striking the officers approaching the rooftop apartment, where the alleged domestic violence victim lived, he said.

The officers returned fire as they retreated.

Authorities asked people in the area to stay inside and keep away from windows as they surrounded the complex. Schools in the area were placed on lockdown.

Officers with assault rifles were seen running down the street, and gunshots were heard. Wahl said at one point the gunman was "shooting in all different directions." Wahl later said the suspect had moved to an area of the apartment where he no longer posed a risk to air traffic.

Tom Neu, who lives next door to the rooftop apartment, told reporters he was working at home on his computer when he heard a bang. He went to his balcony, saw a hole in the stucco wall that separates his apartment from the sus-

pect's, and called 911. For about 40 minutes, he cowered in his bathtub, talking to friends and co-workers on his cellphone. He said it was terrifying.

instructions over the phone on where to walk inside the apartment, and rescuers led him downstairs.

Neu didn't know the suspect but said the two ex-

to an airport in Ontario, outside Los Angeles. Passengers were told there was a security problem at the airport, but people on the Internet soon spread



A suspect in a shooting, center, identified by police as Titus Colbert, is escorted away from an apartment building after an hours-long standoff with officials Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, in San Diego. Flights to the San Diego International Airport resumed after police took the gunman, who fired shots at a nearby apartment complex, posing a threat to air traffic, into custody.

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

"You're thinking, 'I might get shot and killed in my own bathtub,'" he said.

Neu heard numerous gunshots and loud booming before a SWAT team came to his unit. Police gave him

changed greetings in passing. The suspect did not live at the complex, authorities said.

Erik Carstensen was on a Southwest flight from Chicago that was diverted

the news of the gunman. Carstensen said his wife was at the airport at the time.

"I was a little worried for her until I learned he was not at the airport," he said. □

4 stabbed, attacker killed at central California university

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Associated Press

MERCED, California (AP) — A student stabbed and wounded four people as classes got underway at a rural university campus in central California before police shot and killed him, authorities said Wednesday.

Two students, one staff member and a vendor were attacked at the University of California, Merced, but were expected to

recover, the school said on its verified Twitter account. Campus officials reported earlier in the day that five people were stabbed.

All the victims were conscious when paramedics reached them, Assistant Vice Chancellor Patti Waid said.

Two of them were taken by helicopter to hospitals in Modesto, but their conditions were not immediately known. The three others had injuries that were minor enough that they could be

treated on campus, Waid said.

Campus officials said the assailant was a male student but had not confirmed his identity or provided a motive for the attack. Officials said they were still working out a timeline of events leading up to the stabbings, and it wasn't clear how the attack played out. Phil Coba, a student government representative, said numerous students told him that the stabbings started inside a classroom

and continued outside before campus police shot and killed the attacker.

Authorities have not confirmed those accounts and have said the attack occurred outside a building as students went in to class shortly after 8 a.m.

Alex Lopez was heading to class when he realized something was wrong on campus.

"I was listening to a podcast, and there was a break in talking, and I just hear a gunshot," he said.

He said police and first responders flooded the scene.

"You see this stuff all over the news and stuff and you see it happen to all these other schools," but you don't expect it to happen at your school, said Lopez, 21.

The university about 120 miles (193 kilometers) south of Sacramento in the farm-rich San Joaquin Valley was locked down for about an hour and a half after the stabbings. □

Senate panel summons price-hiking CEO of Turing Pharma



In this October, 2015, photo, carrying an image of Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO Martin Shkreli in a makeshift cat litter pan, AIDS activists and others are asked to leave the lobby of 1177 6th Ave. in New York, during a protest highlighting pharmaceutical drug pricing. A Senate committee tasked with protecting seniors launched an investigation Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, into drug price hikes by Turing, Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Retrophin Inc. and Rodelis Therapeutics, responding to public anxiety over rising prices for critical medicines.

(AP Photo/Craig Ruffile)

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AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee has launched an investigation into exorbitant drug price hikes by Turing Pharmaceuticals and three other companies, responding to public anxiety over rising prices for critical medicines.

The Senate's special com-

mittee on aging requested documents and information Wednesday from Turing, Valeant Pharmaceuticals and two other drug-makers already under scrutiny for recent price spikes. Notably, the senators called for a face-to-face meeting with Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO, Martin Shkreli, "as soon as it is prac-

ticable." A former hedge fund manager, Shkreli has become the public face of the pricing controversy, after his company raised the price of the anti-infection drug Daraprim by more than 5,000 percent. The drug, which Turing acquired in August, is the only U.S.-approved treatment for a deadly parasitic infec-

tion that can affect pregnant women and patients with HIV.

Turing said in an emailed statement: "We are reviewing the committee's request and, as we have and continue to do with similar congressional inquiries, we look forward to having an open and honest dialogue about drug pricing."

Separately, Democrats in the House of Representatives called on their Republican colleagues to summon the Turing and Valeant CEOs to a congressional hearing and issue subpoenas to collect documents from their companies. Both firms have refused to turn over documents requested by Democrats on the House oversight committee.

Valeant is already under investigation by several members of Congress for its general business strategy, which involves buying smaller drug developers and then jacking up the prices of their medicines.

Both Turing and Valeant have also received multiple subpoenas from federal prosecutors seeking information about drug pricing and other policies.

Senators Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Claire McCaskill, D-Missouri, said a hearing on the issue is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9. Collins chairs the aging committee and McCaskill is its ranking Democrat.

"We need to get to the bottom of why we're seeing huge spikes in drug prices that seemingly have no relationship to research and development costs," said McCaskill, in a statement. She added that some of the increases resemble "little more than price gouging."

The committee also sent letters to Retrophin Inc. of San Diego and Rodelis Therapeutics of Alpharetta, Georgia. The lawmakers question Retrophin about its decision to raise the price of a kidney drug, Thiola, from \$1.50 per tablet to \$30 per tablet. Company shares tumbled roughly 13 percent in trading Wednesday to \$18.90.

The letter to Rodelis questions the company's price increase on a tuberculosis drug by more than 2,000 percent to \$10,800 per bottle. □

State Dept. rejects TransCanada request for Keystone delay

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration said Wednesday it is continuing a review of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline, despite a request by the project's Canadian developer to suspend the review.

If it had been granted, the delay could have put off a decision on the project until the next U.S. president takes office in 2017. President Barack Obama has yet to say whether he would approve or reject it,

but the Democrats running for president have said they oppose it while the Republican candidates have said they support it.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said the department advised TransCanada on Wednesday of its decision to continue the review.

The State Department has jurisdiction over the pipeline because it crosses a U.S. border.

Kirby said there was no legal requirement for officials to suspend the review, add-

ing that "a lot of interagency work" has gone into the evaluation so far. Secretary of State John Kerry "believes that it's most appropriate to keep the process in place," Kirby said.

Calgary-based TransCanada asked the U.S. on Monday to delay consideration of the pipeline, the latest wrinkle in a seven-year quest for the project.

TransCanada said it respects the U.S. decision and will continue its efforts to demonstrate that the long-delayed pipeline — a

flashpoint in the global debate over climate change — is in the U.S. national interest.

Five reports and 17,000 pages of State Department review have shown the project's benefits over the past seven-plus years, said TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper.

"The fundamental question remains: Do Americans want to continue to import millions of barrels of oil every day from the Middle East and Venezuela or do they want to get their oil

from North Dakota and Canada through Keystone XL?" Cooper said. "We believe the answer is clear and the choice is Keystone XL."

The 1,179-mile (1,900 kilometer) pipeline would run from Canada through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day from tar sands in western Canada to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast. □

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. services companies grew at an accelerated pace in October as business activity, new orders and employment all strengthened, suggesting that the economy is building momentum from consumer demand in the final months of 2015. The Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday that its services index climbed to 59.1 last month from 56.9 in September. Any reading above 50 signals expansion. The figures raise the prospect that consumer spending will anchor growth during the October-December quarter at a time when manufacturing, hurt by global economic turbulence, has slowed. The gap between how the ISM mea-

sures services and manufacturing has reached its widest point in roughly 14 years.

The stronger dollar has hamstrung the exports of U.S. goods by making them more expensive abroad. Lower oil prices have also led energy firms to halt drilling activity. These setbacks led the ISM's manufacturing index to fall to 50.1 last month, meaning that factory activity is barely improving.

The dual ISM reports highlight "the two-speed economy where manufacturing continues to run at an unimpressive pace while the services side of the economy shows signs of strength," said Bricklin Dwyer, a senior economist at BNP Paribas. New orders at services firms rose to a reading of 62, up from 56.7 in September.



Bryan White breads chicken breast prior to frying it in the kitchen of a new Chick-fil-A restaurant, in New York. The Institute for Supply Management released its service sector index for October on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

The business activity measure rose to 63. Employment advanced to 59.2. These gains indicate that services firms anticipate rising sales.

"We're entering the fourth quarter on a very high note," said Anthony Nieves, chair of the ISM's non-manufacturing business survey committee.

The ISM is a trade group of purchasing managers. Its services survey covers businesses that employ 90 percent of workers, including construction firms and financial services. □

ADP Survey: US businesses added 182K jobs in October

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WASHINGTON (AP) — American businesses added a solid but unspectacular 182,000 jobs in October, according to a private survey.

In a report Wednesday, payroll processor ADP also revised September job creation down to 190,000 from an originally reported 200,000.

American consumers are spending at healthy levels, encouraged by increased job security, low energy prices and improved family finances. But manufac-

turers have been hurt by a strong dollar and economic weakness overseas. ADP reported that factories shed 2,000 jobs in October on top of a loss of 17,000 jobs in September.

"We suspect the strength of the dollar remains a constraint on factory payrolls, along with lower petroleum prices negatively impacting on oil drilling and related equipment," Raymond Stone of Stone McCarthy Research wrote in a research report.

The government will issue its official jobs report for October on Friday. □

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Moscow calls for agreement on opposition groups in Syria



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, right, and U.N. Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura leave a news conference following their talks in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015. Lavrov says he hopes that international peacebrokers in the coming days will agree on the list of opposition groups that should be invited to peace talks.

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russian Foreign Minister Sergey

Lavrov expressed hope Wednesday that diplomats will agree on a list of opposition groups that should

be invited to U.N.-brokered peace talks on Syria. Moscow previously lamented there is no agreement in

the U.S.-led coalition in Syria on who should be declared legitimate opposition to Syrian President Bashar Assad's government — or should be targeted like the Islamic State group.

Lavrov told reporters in Moscow that he hopes for an agreement on the Syrian opposition list as well as on a list of extremist groups that "will not be covered by a cease-fire that we hope to declare at some point." Lavrov spoke after meeting with U.N. Syrian envoy Staffan de Mistura, who was in Moscow after a visit to Damascus. De Mistura called on Middle Eastern and Western nations to "use their influence" on various opposition groups they back in Syria "so that these groups come to political talks with a constructive platform."

He also said the U.N. is ready to host talks between the Syrian government and the opposition "immediately."

Russia and Western nations have been engaged in intense diplomatic talks in the past few weeks, aiming to bring about a political settlement in Syria, which has been torn by a civil war since 2011 that has killed 250,000 people and forced millions to flee.

Russia has been Assad's strongest backer and began carrying out air strikes on Islamic State fighters in Syria in September at Assad's request. Assad made a surprise visit to Moscow last month, which was viewed as a signal that Russia ultimately seeks a political settlement after weeks of heavy airstrikes in Syria. Lavrov's deputy Mikhail Bogdanov said Tuesday that Moscow is aiming to host a round of talks between Syrian officials and opposition leaders next week. He said the Syrian government has agreed to participate but it's unclear which opposition groups might come. □

Egypt's president visits Britain to discuss terror and trade

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Egypt's president defended counter-terror legislation that has sparked human rights concerns, arguing his country needs stability and time to achieve a democratic future and should not be judged by Western standards. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi batted away questions on prisoners and restricted freedoms in a BBC interview aired before his first official visit to Britain on Wednesday. He said his goal was to carry out the will of the people. "Over the past five years, we have experienced tur-

bulence and revolution. We want some stability," he said. "We don't want to do this by force or suppression. We want to regulate and organize society."

El-Sissi led the July 2013 military ouster of former Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

Since then, the government has waged a sweeping crackdown on Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood. Thousands of political detainees are behind bars, and human rights activists say the measures enshrine a permanent state of emergency in Egypt.

"You talk about human rights in Egypt, but what

about the millions of Egyptians who face hardship every day? What about their human rights," he said. "Our friends in the West should know that we face monumental problems. ... It's not just a matter of human rights from the Western perspective."

The visit is meant to focus on advancing political and economic cooperation. Britain is Egypt's single largest investor and the trip will include meetings with representatives from British companies to discuss enhanced cooperation in transportation, energy and infrastructure.

Cameron and El-Sissi will

also discuss terrorism at a moment of heightened tensions following the crash of a Russian plane over the Sinai. Islamic State militants have claimed they "brought down" the aircraft to avenge those killed as a result of Moscow's recent air campaign in Syria, which is supporting Islamic State group adversary President Bashar Assad.

El-Sissi deemed the claims to be "propaganda" and insisted that Egypt and the Sinai are safe.

But the visit has raised human rights concerns in Britain, and protests are planned by groups such as the Campaign Against

Arms Trade, which has called for an end to arms sales to Egypt.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said the visit shows contempt for democratic rights and "threatens, rather than protects," Britain's national security.

"Support for dictatorial regimes in the Middle East has been a key factor fueling the spread of terrorism," Corbyn said in a statement. "Rather than rolling out the red carpet to President (El-Sissi) the prime minister should suspend arms exports to Egypt until democratic and civil rights are restored." □

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Iran holds negative attitude for US despite nuclear deal

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — As Iran marks the anniversary of the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, there are signs that the Islamic Republic's attitude toward the United States is as negative as ever. The arrests of U.S. citizens, hints of a Cold War-style prisoner swap, fears of Western infiltration and even the shutdown of a lookalike KFC restaurant show the suspicion still held by hard-liners after the nuclear deal with world powers.

In the short term, things may even get worse, analysts say, as Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini continues to warn about American influence, a crucial parliamentary election approaches and the country's intelligence and military services try to hold onto their economic and political power.

"I think many Americans and many Iranians didn't take the leader at his word that this does not mean detente, that this is a one-off transaction. I think the system was deadly serious about this," said Cliff Kupchan, the chairman of the Eurasia Group. "I think the increased contact will lead to detente with the U.S., but we have a lot of harsh repression to go through before we get there."

On Wednesday, thousands demonstrated in front of the old U.S. Embassy, marking the 36th anniversary of students seizing 52 Americans hostage there after Washington refused to hand over the toppled U.S.-backed shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

The protest came despite the deal that will see Tehran limit its nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

Meanwhile, four Iranian-Americans are known to be held by Iran: Iranian-American journalist Jason Rezaian of The Washington Post; former U.S. Marine Amir Hekmati of Flint, Michigan; pastor Saeed Abedini of Boise, Idaho; and Siamak Namazi, a businessman and the son of a politician from the shah's era. Separately, former FBI agent Robert Levinson disappeared in Iran in 2007 while working for the CIA on an unapproved intelligence mission. Iran also recently announced the arrest of Washington-based Lebanese citizen Nizar Zakka, who holds permanent-resident status in the U.S.

Iranian media has raised the possibility of exchanging some Americans for 19 Iranians held in the U.S. While that potential swap may figure into the arrests, Kupchan said the detentions also signal that the Iranian "deep state" still has a "number of post-deal messages it wants to send," including to Iranians living abroad.

"To me, the message to the Iranian-American community is: 'Don't think you're going to use your connections to come in and take over economic profits ... in post-deal Iran, because you're not,'" he said. □



Israeli soldiers stand guard at the Halhul junction, north of the West Bank city of Hebron, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015. A Palestinian rammed his vehicle into an Israeli police officer in the West Bank on Wednesday, seriously injuring him before he was shot and killed, police said.

(AP Photo/Nasser Shiyoukhi)

Palestinian man rams car into Israeli officer

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian rammed his vehicle into an Israeli police officer in the West Bank on Wednesday, seriously injuring him before he was shot and killed, police said. It was the latest in a nearly two-month rash of violence that has seen almost daily Palestinian attacks on Israeli civilians and soldiers. Police spokeswoman Luba Samri says the officer was seriously wounded in the attack. In a bid to deter attackers, Israel's parliament this week passed a law toughening penalties against Palestinians for throwing rocks at civilians and security personnel, a daily occurrence that has caused casualties.

The law places a minimum sentence of three years on offenders and strips rock-throwers of their social security benefits, a punishment that applies to

Palestinians in east Jerusalem. The parents of minors convicted of rock-throwing could also have their social security benefits annulled during the period of the offender's sentence.

Israel's parliament, the Knesset, announced the adoption of the law on its website Tuesday. The legislation was first introduced months ago, before the current unrest began.

The violence began with clashes at a sensitive Jerusalem holy site and quickly spread across Israel and into the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "A minimum punishment is necessary to create a deterrent and uproot the assumption that 'it's just a stone,'" said lawmaker Nissan Slomiansky, who sponsored the legislation. He said that "throwing a rock is an attempt to murder and there should at least be a minimum punishment."

Arab lawmaker Jamal Zahalka condemned the law,

saying that "fires cannot be put out with gas, and this law is throwing gas on a fire."

The first fatality in the current round of violence was a 64-year-old Israeli, Alexander Levlovitz. He died and two passengers were hurt after Palestinians pelted their car with rocks as they drove home from a meal marking the Jewish New Year in Jerusalem. Israeli leaders have accused Palestinian political and religious leaders of inciting the violence. Palestinians say the violence is due to a lack of hope for gaining independence after years of failed peace efforts.

Meanwhile, the leader-in-exile of the Islamic militant group Hamas on Wednesday urged Palestinians to step up unrest to "liberate Jerusalem and the West Bank," saying efforts by his internationally backed Palestinian rival are insufficient. □

Vatican downplays 2 books recounting financial misdeeds

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MILAN (AP) — The Vatican sought Wednesday to play down a pair of books recounting financial malfeasance and greed within the Vatican, saying many of the disclosures were already known and the material creates confusion about Pope Francis' well-known reform course.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi emphasized the illegally leaked documents that provided information for the books were the result of "data and information put in motion by the Holy Father himself" in the pope's efforts to reform the Vatican's bureaucracy and finances.

The publication of "a large bulk of information" that refers to "outdated" events creates the impression of "a permanent reign of confusion, of non-transparency and even the pursuit of individual or incorrect interests" that run counter to Francis' efforts to reform the Vatican, Lombardi said in comments carried by Vatican Radio.

The books by veteran Vatican reporters are to be published Thursday but were obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

Among the disclosures in "Merchants in the Temple," Gianluigi Nuzzi writes that the cost of sainthood can run up to half a million dollars and tells the tale of a monsignor who allegedly broke down the wall of his neighbor, an ailing priest, to expand his apartment. Emiliano Fittipaldi, the author of "Avarice," claims a foundation set up to support a children's hospital paid 200,000 euros toward renovating the apartment of the Vatican's No. 2 at the time, Tarciso Bertone, and that money donated to help the poor was diverted to pay for running the Vatican.

Bertone came under fire last year over the apartment, described in the book as a "mega-penthouse." □

EU says Greece could return to growth in 2016

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's economy could start growing again in the second half of 2016, but much work remains to be done on reforms required for bailout loans, the European Union's top economic and financial official said Wednesday.

Pierre Moscovici said compromise was possible on how to tackle the problem of distressed mortgages but that decisions need to be taken quickly if Greece is to receive funds from its new 86-billion euro, three-year bailout. Pension reforms will also need to be made this month, he said.

A raft of spending cuts and tax hikes have already been passed in parliament. "We are impressed by the reforms voted on after August but we must keep the momentum," Moscovici said.

Greece has promised to implement a series of reforms, including tax hikes, spending cuts and pension reforms, in return for the bailout, without which it would default on its debts and likely end up having to leave Europe's joint currency, the euro.

Despite initially pledging to repeal bailout commitments when he first came to power in January, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has since made a U-turn and agreed to implement the measures.

However, he said Wednesday that Greece should

be given some lee-way as it is bearing the brunt of a massive refugee crisis, with hundreds of thousands of people streaming into the country from nearby Turkey.

"We are a country that has

majority don't want to stay in Greece and head north to more prosperous European countries.

Tsipras said the financial crisis had created "a humanitarian crisis domestically" and his government

repossession of homes from non-performing loans.

"While our islanders are opening their doors to the refugees, sharing their food and sometimes even the roof over their heads — at the same time the govern-



A woman pays for vegetables at the central fruit and vegetable market in Athens. Greece's economy could start growing again in the second half of 2016, but much work remains to be done on reforms required for bailout loans, the EU's top financial official said Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

taken on a responsibility that is beyond its means," Tsipras said after a meeting in Athens with European President Martin Schulz focusing on the refugee issue. More than 600,000 people have reached Greece so far this year, and hundreds have died attempting to make the short but dangerous crossing to Greek islands from the nearby Turkish shore. The vast ma-

wanted European creditors to show "the same solidarity that we are showing to the refugees."

He indicated the creditors should ease demands on resolving distressed Greek mortgages, so as to not have too many people evicted from their main homes. Part of bailout conditions was to end consumer tax breaks for Aegean islands and to allow the

ment is obliged to increase (consumer tax) to the islands," he said. "While we do our best to shelter refugees we are facing irrational pressure to stop protecting primary homes for Greek citizens."

But Moscovici poured cold water on the idea.

The bailout rules must be implemented and "nothing must lead to relaxing the reforms," he said. □

Pro-Spain parties try to halt Catalonia effort

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MADRID (AP) — Three anti-independence parties filed complaints Wednesday with Spain's Constitutional Court against moves by secessionist parties with a majority in the regional parliament of Catalonia to announce the formal start of an effort to break away from Spain. Catalan branches of Spain's ruling conservative Popular Party and the Socialist and the Citizens opposition parties filed the appeals, two of them calling on the court to issue a restraining order

against the anticipated parliamentary move.

The protest came after secessionist parties used their majority in a Catalan parliament committee to set the stage for a secession announcement vote in the Barcelona-based parliament, most likely Monday. The effort has been pushed by the "Together for Yes" pro-independence alliance — which won 62 seats in Catalonia's 135-member regional parliament in September elections — along with the radical leftist CUP party that won 10 seats.

The two are in talks to form

a new regional government but appear nowhere near agreement. The alliance, headed by acting President Artur Mas, pledges Catalan independence by 2017 if it forms government. Pro-independence sentiment began to swell some four years ago at the height of Spain's economic crisis with secessionist parties claiming Catalonia could do better on its own. Observers say the effort to hold the vote aimed at setting a roadmap toward secession is illegal because no Spanish regional parliament has the right to hold

such a vote. The Spanish government says Catalan independence is impossible as it would violate the Constitution.

Catalonia, a region of 7.5 million people, is responsible for nearly a fifth of Spain's economic output and is proud of its own culture and language.

The bid to start a process leading to secession calls for the regional parliament to pass laws within 30 days allowing Catalonia to push ahead toward creating a separate constitution, social security system and treasury. □



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China sea tensions stop joint statement at Asia defense meet



U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter listens to a question during a press conference after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015.

(AP Photo/Lai Seng Sin)

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Divisions within Asia over China's claims in the disputed South China Sea spilled over Wednesday to a meeting of U.S. and Asian defense ministers, where China insisted the group make no public mention of the strategic waters in a joint declaration intended as a public display of unity.

As a result, a joint statement was canceled. Both host Malaysia and U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter discounted the significance of the failure, which reflected a split with China and other Asian nations over the South China Sea issue. "I had no expectation there would be agreement," Carter told a news conference, adding that the important point was that the South China Sea was a "persistent topic" of the conference.

"Everybody raised it," he said.

Carter defended U.S. Navy patrols in the contested waters that China objects to, saying the U.S. has been sailing in the South Chi-

na Sea for decades to the benefit of regional security and economic prosperity. He said he planned to go aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt transiting the South China Sea on Thursday, accompanied by his Malaysian counterpart, Hishammuddin Hussein, as a symbol of the United States' commitment to promoting stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

What's new and problematic, Carter said, is China's land reclamation and militarization of reefs and islets. "What we sign on the joint declaration is not going to resolve the issue of duplicating claims nor is it going to wish vessels that are in the South China Sea away," Hishammuddin said.

He said that "our concerns are more real ... unintended accidents at the high sea, which can spiral into something worse and that we must avoid." The Southeast Asian grouping will continue to engage China and the U.S. to ensure peace and stability in the region, he said.

Singapore Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen said that the

dispute over the joint declaration was due to "differences in phrasing and interpretation." But he said "all countries agreed on the freedom of navigation and all countries accepted international laws and norms."

In a statement issued by the host country, Malaysia said the meeting noted the importance of the early conclusion of the code of conduct in the South Chi-

na Sea — a set of rules meant to govern behavior in the disputed waters — "in order to build mutual trust and confidence, and maintain peace, security and stability in the region." China has so far dragged its feet in concluding discussions on the code of conduct.

American officials traveling with Carter said that China, which like the United States is not a member of

the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations but was attending the defense ministers' meeting as an invited partner, was adamant that the meeting's final public statement omit any mention of the South China Sea. The Americans argued that it would be better to make no joint statement at all rather than issue one that omitted mention of the contentious South China Sea issue. □



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Mexico exhumes student killed when 43 disappeared

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Associated Press

SAN MIGUEL TECOMATLAN, Mexico (AP) — Mexican and Argentine experts on Wednesday began exhuming the body of a student who was found dead with his face skinned off the morning after 43 of his colleagues disappeared at the hands of police and a drug gang.

Julio Cesar Mondragon's remains will undergo new

testing after an independent commission formed by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights determined that a first autopsy was marred by inconsistencies and contradictions. Mondragon's family has also demanded new tests.

Mondragon was one of six people killed in September 2014 in Iguala, in the southern state of Guerrero, when students from the Raul

Isidro Burgos Rural Teachers College of Ayotzinapa came under attack while commandeering buses for a protest. The cases of the three students and three bystanders slain have been mostly forgotten in the furor over the 43 missing students, whose fate is still unknown more than a year later. The same group of experts has previously dismantled the government's official version that the students were

killed and incinerated in a giant pyre at a trash dump, saying the fire described in the attorney general's investigation could not have occurred.

Mondragon, 22, was married with a 2-month-old child when he was killed. His original autopsy, conducted by the state prosecutor, said the skin on his face could have been peeled off by a knife, a terror tactic known to be used

by drug cartels on their victims. But the same report also said an animal may have been responsible for the disfiguring, a possibility that his family calls a "mockery."

The independent experts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concluded that Mondragon's body showed "visible signs of torture," but the state investigation made no mention of that. □

Next Guatemala president vows clean government



Guatemala's President-elect Jimmy Morales, a former comedian, gestures during an interview in Guatemala City, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015. Morales' biggest campaign pledge was to fight the entrenched corruption that forced the resignation of his predecessor, Otto Perez Molina.

(AP Photo/Luis Soto)

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GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Jimmy Morales, the TV comic elected Guatemala's next president amid widespread anger over corruption that took down

the previous leader, vowed this week to bolster the investigative bodies that blew the lid on the graft scandals.

He said he will turn to those very entities, Guatemalan prosecutors and the U.N.

International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala, to help vet his proposed Cabinet in a bid to ensure an honest government in a country where many have long considered that an oxymoron.

"I already approached (them) and I asked them to help me to look into people ... the people who will be serving the public," Morales said in an interview with The Associated Press. After he takes office Jan. 14, the political neophyte who ran as a self-styled outsider will come under pressure quickly to show concrete progress on campaign promises to battle corruption and govern with transparency. He said he plans to uphold the law and lead by example.

"If I enter government as middle class and get rich overnight, that's not logical," Morales said. "But if I

continue to be the Jimmy Morales I have been, the people will see that and there is the example."

Former President Otto Perez Molina, who resigned just days before the first round of presidential voting in September, had been seen by analysts as loath to renew the mandate of the U.N. commission, which was set up to investigate criminal networks in Guatemala. But as a customs graft scandal snowballed and took down Perez Molina's then-vice president, Roxana Baldetti, he apparently decided it was politically impossible to do otherwise. Today both Perez Molina and Baldetti are in jail awaiting prosecution.

Morales said one of his first acts as president will be to seek to extend the commission's mandate through

2021.

"When they ask me, I will do so with great pleasure," he said.

Morales' first-place finish in the opening round of voting and then a landslide runoff victory Oct. 25 over former first lady Sandra Torres has been widely interpreted as a "punishment vote," with outraged Guatemalans rejecting candidates seen as tied to the establishment.

But Morales said voters were attracted to him not just because he's never held office before.

"If it's true, the 'punishment vote' that you're talking about, why didn't that go to someone else?" Morales said. "So then, what was done well? An example was held up that there was leadership, administrative capability and transparency." □

Thousands of crocodiles go hungry at Honduras farm

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SAN MANUEL CORTES, Honduras (AP) — A U.S. investigation into alleged money laundering for drug traffickers by one of Honduras' most powerful families has resulted in some unusual victims: thousands of hungry crocodiles.

At least 7,500 crocodiles on a private farm in northern Honduras have been poorly fed in recent weeks because of a lack of resources, authorities and employees at the property said. The bank accounts of the farm's owner, the

Rosenthal family, were seized during a probe into accusations they were operating a money laundering network linked to drug trafficking. Farm employees told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the animals went without food for more than a month, but were finally fed over the weekend thanks to donations. Worker Antonio Mejia said at least 200 small crocodiles had died, but Pablo Dubon, northern regional director of Honduras' Forest Conservation Institute, said he doubted that claim. Mejia said the crocodiles

were supposedly raised for their skins.

The workers said there were about 9,000 crocodiles at the farm, but authorities said the number probably was closer to 7,500.

"There have been difficulties in feeding (the crocodiles)," Dubon told the AP by telephone.

He said he asked private companies to donate money to buy food for the crocodiles and on Sunday officials obtained about 23,000 pounds of food, most of it chicken.

Also going hungry at the farm were 12 mammals, in-

cluding lions and monkeys. Calls seeking comment from the company that manages the farm rang unanswered.

The crocodiles normally chow down on almost any kind of meat — they usually get chicken guts, heads, feet and spoiled chicken — and Mejia said they need a total of 9,000 to 12,000 pounds of food a day.

Farm worker Marco Lazo said sometimes a horse is chopped up and thrown into the mix. "They have gone hungry for about 45 days," before the donated food arrived Saturday, he

said. The U.S. Justice Department announced Oct. 7 that it had indicted former Honduran Vice President Jaime Roland Rosenthal, his son Yani Benjamin Rosenthal and nephew Yankel Rosenthal under the Kingpin act. Yankel Rosenthal was arrested in the United States.

The Justice Department said the Rosentals "provide money laundering and other services that support the international narcotics trafficking activities of multiple Central American drug traffickers and their criminal organizations." □



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ORANJESTAD/SIMPSON BAY- On Friday, October 30th, the TUIfly Dreamliner landed on Sint Maarten for the very first time. TUI Netherlands is very proud and excited for this achievement as this defines the official increase in their number of flights to the Dutch Antilles.

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TUIfly's new flight schedule as of November 2015 consists of 9 flights per week to the Dutch Antilles, of which 4 flights per week to Aruba, 3 flights per week to Bonaire and 2 flights per week to Sint Maarten.

All flights are triangle flights, and are combined with a stop in Curacao, with the exception of one direct flight to Curacao every Saturday.

With this new schedule, the flight capacity to Bonaire will also increase substantially by approximately 40%.

The fact that the entire flight operation to the Dutch Antilles is executed by Boeing 787 Dreamliners (TUIfly has 3 in the meantime), is an extra advantage for any vacationer and is so appealing that it also attracts new clients. A comfortable flight leads to well-rested passengers who can start enjoying their holiday from the moment they arrive.

"Our surveys indicate that overall client satisfaction about the enjoyed holiday actually increases if passengers fly with a Dreamliner" says Arjan Kers, General Manager of TUI Netherlands. Just before his departure to Sint Maarten for the inaugural flight last Friday, he underlined that



he is very pleased with the addition of Sint Maarten as a holiday destination to the Dutch Antilles: "Each island has its own charm, style and type of client which will definitely create repeat customers, yet allowing the curious traveler to visit one of the other islands, or a combination of islands during their next holiday.

The addition of Sint Maarten with its dual charm (French

and Dutch sides) is like adding an extra color to an already beautiful painting. We are very proud of the fact that TUI Netherlands can make the Dutch Antilles accessible to a large group of vacationers by offering them affordable holidays to the various destinations".

With 9 flights weekly by the end of this year, the Dutch Antilles are as a group by

far the largest long haul holiday destination for TUI Netherlands. Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao welcome about 280,000 Dutch guests every year which consist of people going on vacation, visiting family or doing business on the islands. About half of them book their holiday packages with TUI, who is also an important employer on the islands, with a total of up to

80 local employees.

TUI is considering opening a sales office on Sint Maarten, where ticket only sales will be promoted. Sint Maarten welcomes 17,000 Dutch vacationers annually. TUI expects that with the 2 extra TUIfly Dreamliner flights, they can add almost 15,000 Dutch tourists to this number, resulting in double the present number of travelers. □

Loyal Visitors Honored at the Marriott Aruba Surf Club



EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Marriott Surf Club as Distinguished Visitors and Goodwill Ambassadors. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as tokens

of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-to-34 consecutive years. The honorees were Natale and Ellen Buzzone of New York, Thomas and Patricia Petz of Michigan, Marc and Deborah Frost of New Jersey, Sheila and Lewis Skolnik of New York, and Neil and Ricky Ann

Bauer of Massachusetts. All of the honorees are loyal members of the Marriott Surf Club and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, the Casinos, and just about everything else! They say Aruba feels like a second home where the people are like

family to them, and the Marriott Surf Club is truly their 'home-away-from-home.' The certificates were presented by Mrs. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with General Manager Joop Bangma and Jenny Boekhoudt of the Marriott Surf Club. □

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Loyal Visitors Honored by the Aruba Tourism Authority



EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, as Goodwill Ambassadors and Emerald Ambassadors at the Aruba Beach Club. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 and 35-or-more consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. James Marshall of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Mr. John and Mrs. Rose Mary Rodgers of Newington, Connecticut, and Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Mahlene Lee of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. All the honorees are loyal members of the Aruba Beach Club, and they



love Aruba for the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, for meeting their friends they know in Aruba for the last 30 years, and



they always say that Aruba truly is One Happy Island and Aruba Beach Club is a wonderful Resort. The certificate was presented by

Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Kenia Brito representing the Aruba Beach Club. □

ECLAC Calls for Redoubling Efforts to Combat Poverty and Inequality

--A new study by the United Nations regional organization highlights the importance of creating productive and decent jobs, since wage income represents 80% of total household income on average in the region.

LIMA - The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) calls for redoubling efforts to defeat poverty and reduce inequality in the current context of economic deceleration in the region, in its latest study entitled Inclusive social development: The next generation of policies for overcoming poverty and reducing inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This new document by the United Nations regional organization was presented officially, and analyzed by authorities and specialists of the region, during the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which took place from Monday, November 2 through Wednesday, November 4 in Lima, Peru.

According to ECLAC, in the last decade Latin America and the Caribbean made notable progress in diverse areas of social develop-



ment, including a significant reduction in poverty and a moderate decline in inequality as a result of social and labor-market policies implemented in a favorable economic scenario, which enabled objectives related to social inclusion to gain unprecedented space on the public agenda and in development strategies.

But there is still a long path ahead, the Commission stresses, above all considering the current economic situation, which augurs difficulties in terms of returning to the growth rates recorded in previous years and maintaining public spend-

ing levels in some countries. Poverty reduction has stagnated since 2012 and indigence shows a slight upward trend. In addition, Latin America and the Caribbean continues to be the most unequal region in the world in terms of income distribution. According to the latest estimates by the regional organization for 19 Latin American countries, in 2014 there were 167 million people in situations of poverty (28% of the total population), of whom 71 million (12% of the total population) were indigent.

Furthermore, figures from 2013 indicate that only half of the population of Latin

America and the Caribbean (49.1%) does not live in situations of indigence, poverty or vulnerability to poverty. Children, women, young people, older adults, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and Afro-descendants are the groups that most suffer situations of discrimination, scarcity, deprivation of rights or vulnerability in the region, ECLAC states.

According to information gathered in household surveys from eight Latin American countries in 2011, 7% of the population that is neither indigenous nor Afro-descendant is indigent or highly vulnerable to in-

digence, a percentage that rises to 11% in the case of Afro-descendants and to 18% among indigenous peoples. Similarly, while 62% of the non-indigenous and non-Afro-descendant population was considered to be not vulnerable, this figure falls to 56% in the case of Afro-descendants and to just 33% among indigenous peoples.

In the same vein, in the region women account for approximately 51% of the total population but only access 38% of the total monetary income that people generate and earn, with the remaining 62% going to men.

"Of the different aspects of society that produce, exacerbate or mitigate inequalities, the most decisive is the world of work. It is there that most household income in Latin America and the Caribbean is generated, along with the inherent inequalities in its distribution," the organization explains in the document. According to calculations by ECLAC based on data from 17 Latin American countries from around 2013, wage income represents on average 80% of total household income; 74% of the total income of households in situations of poverty; and 64% in households in situations of indigence. □

ECLAC's Executive Secretary Receives Award from Spain

LIMA - The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena, was awarded on Monday, November 2 with the Recipient of the Order of Isabella the Catholic, granted by King Felipe VI of Spain, during a ceremony held at the residence of the Spanish Ambassador to Peru, Ernesto de Zulueta Habsburgo-Lorena.

The distinction was awarded to Bárcena by the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Ibero-America, Jesús Gracia. The Director General for Ibero-America of Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Pablo Gómez Olea, also



participated in the event. The ceremony took place in Lima, Peru, where the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is being held this week. The Real Order of Isabella the Catholic was created in 1815 by King Ferdinand VII of Spain and its current rules establish as its

main function rewarding those who contribute in a relevant manner to favoring Spain's cooperation ties with the international community. "This honor, although it bears my name, recognizes the role of the hundreds of men and women who work each day for development with equality in Latin America and the

Caribbean under the aegis of ECLAC," Alicia Bárcena said during the ceremony. Recalling the teachings of Mexican intellectual Carlos Fuentes, the Executive Secretary said that "via Spain the Americas received the Mediterranean tradition with all its strength. Because Spain is not only Christian, it is also Arab and Jewish, Greek, Carthaginian and Roman, Gothic and Gypsy. Spain embraces us all; it is, in a certain way, our common place."

As a symbol of this cultural syncretism, Bárcena also remembered the Cabañas Hospice, one of the most distinctive constructions in the Mexican city of Guadalajara, where the first Ibero-American Summit of

Heads of State and Government took place in 1991. This summit has now been held a total of 24 times. The Cabañas Hospice harbors one of the most known wall paintings of the renowned Mexican painter José Clemente Orozco, "The Fire Man", which fuses the Mediterranean and Indo-american men in just one single image.

Secretary of State Jesús Gracia said that Bárcena's recognition responds to the sustained work that ECLAC and Spain have been developing in recent years through various cooperation programs, an endeavor that has been fundamental to "knitting the relationship between Spain and America." □



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Italy's Andreas Seppi during their second round match of the BNP Masters tennis tournament at the Paris Bercy Arena, in Paris, France, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015.

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Federer races to victory against Seppi at Paris Masters

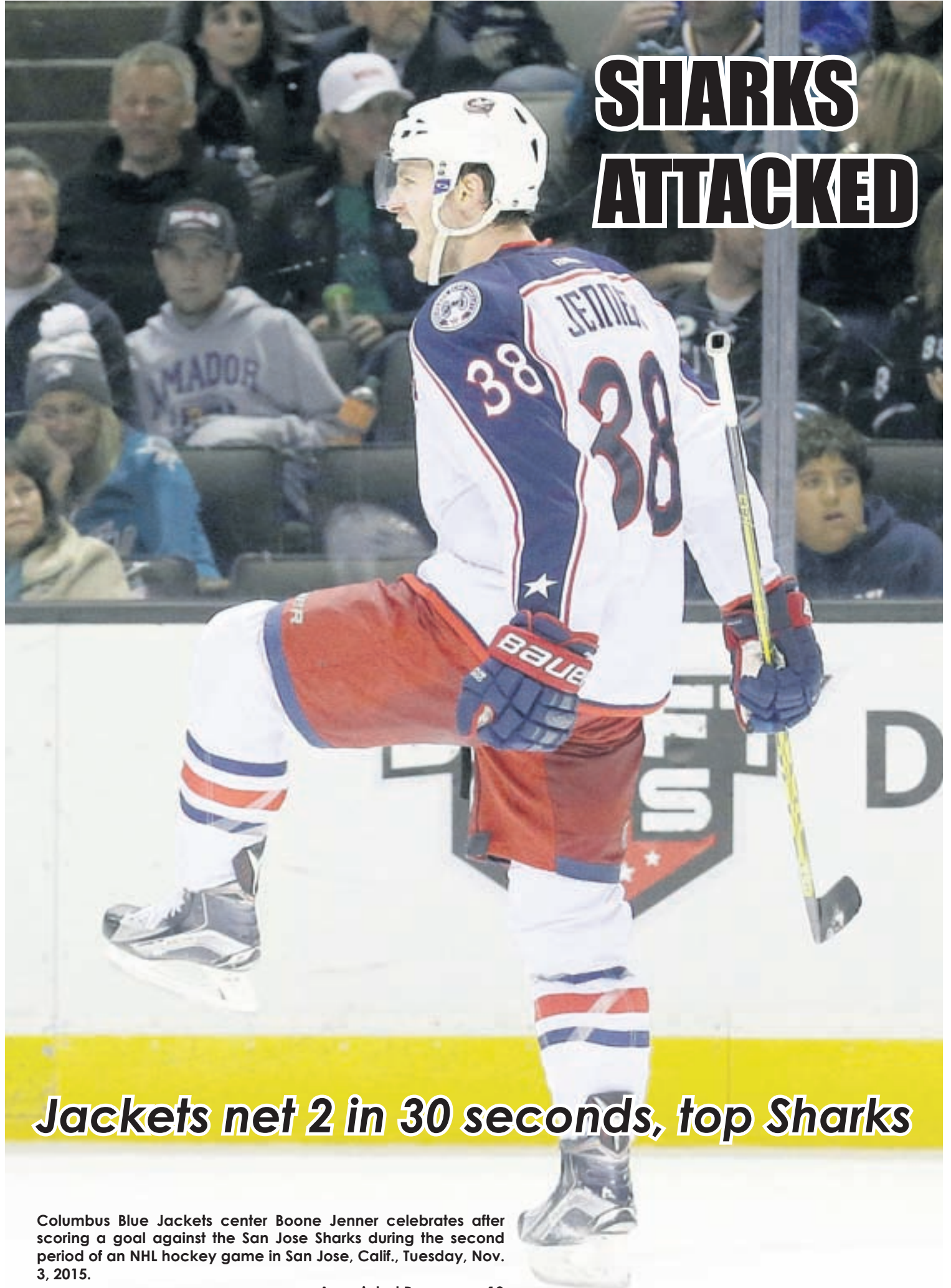
JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer raced into the third round of the Paris Masters with an exhilarating display of attacking tennis on Wednesday, thrashing Italian Andreas Seppi of Italy 6-1, 6-1 in just 47 minutes. Fresh from his victory at the Swiss Indoors last weekend, the 17-time Grand Slam champion looked in ominous form on the indoor hard court, winning 92 percent of points on his first serve as he breezed through the first set in 19 minutes.

"Of course I like great battles, playing two, three, four, five hours. But 47 minutes is always very pleasant," Federer said. "It's definitely a great feeling, plus I didn't expect it. Practice yesterday was difficult."

Seppi had a glimpse of a chance, but failed to convert four break points on Federer's opening service game of the second set.

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Columbus Blue Jackets center Boone Jenner celebrates after scoring a goal against the San Jose Sharks during the second period of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif., Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

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Spieth believes a great year does not mean a great new era

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Jordan Spieth wore a black tunic with red trim around the collar to take part in a Chinese drum ceremony late Tuesday afternoon just as the Shanghai skyline began to glow with lights behind him and three other top players.

This was the traditional photo opportunity to kick off the HSBC Champions. One observer noted that Spieth had not dressed like that since graduation, which for him was only four years ago — from high school.

The landscape in golf is changing quicker than the rapid beat of those Chinese drums.

One year ago, Spieth wasn't even in the top 10 in the world and had only one win as a pro. Since then, the 22-year-old Texan has won seven times around the world, including the Masters and the U.S. Open, along with a Tour Championship that capped a record \$22 million year. He is looked upon as the future of American golf.

At least for now.

Also on the stage with Spieth was 26-year-old Rickie Fowler, who is coming off a big year of his own. Fowler won three times, the biggest at The Players Championship where he delivered perhaps the greatest finish of the season when he made three birdies on the island-green 17th to win a tension-filled playoff.

Jason Day couldn't make



From left to right, golf players Rickie Fowler, Henrik Stenson, Jordan Spieth and Bubba Watson, take a selfie during the HSBC Champions golf tournament photocall in Shanghai, China Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

Associated Press

it to China. The 27-year-old Australian is home awaiting the birth of his second child. And the drum beat had to go on without 26-year-old Rory McIlroy, who was coping with a stomach ailment. Not to be overlooked are the three winners of the new PGA Tour season — Emiliano Grillo (23), Smylie Kaufman (23) and Justin Thomas (22).

That explains why PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem sounded at ease when asked Monday about golf moving along without Tiger Woods. "We are headed for a long period of parity with a lot of stars being developed," Finchem said at the HSBC Golf Business Forum. "And in today's world, you can become a star in

a hurry. It's a great thing. The professional game is in exceptionally good shape. But I think the next 10 years are the most exciting we'll ever see to this point."

It sure seems that way. The top three players — Day, Spieth and McIlroy — are all in their 20s and hail from three continents. Players in their 20s won three majors for the second straight year. That had occurred only twice in the previous four decades, and one of those years was 2000 when a 24-year-old Woods won three majors. Woods had another back procedure last week — that's three in the last 20 months — for another clear sign that his time is about up, if it isn't already.

But leave it to Spieth, with his wise head on such young shoulders, to preach patience and perspective. A new era in golf?

"I think it's a bit soon," Spieth said. "For Rory, it's different because it's been consistent for years now. Jason and I, we've played solid golf the last few years. In order to create an era, you almost need a decade of years like this. Sure, we have the potential to do it. But this was the first year of it. But unless we keep our heads down ... unless we're aware of it, and it drives us, and we get the right breaks, there's a lot of factors. So maybe it's a big premature to say that."

"But," he added, "I believe there was a step needed

in the right direction, and it took place this year. If we can ride with that, it will be significant."

Spieth looks at this as a new year, and the World Golf Championship that starts Thursday at Sheshan International is his first event of a new PGA Tour season. McIlroy, still catching up from the two months he missed this summer from an ankle injury, is wrapping up another Race to Dubai title the rest of the month.

The beauty of having a cast of stars so young, as Fowler noted, is that they can battle each other for the next 10 or 15 years.

Then again, maybe the conversation might include a different list — or a longer list — of players at this time next year.

That seems improbable now, but consider where golf was a year ago. McIlroy was No. 1 and the only debate was which player was best suited to challenge him. McIlroy now is No. 3, and the list is growing. "The top five in the world ranking, we've seen now in the last two years how much that changed," Spieth said.

At the end of 2013, the top five included Woods, Adam Scott and Phil Mickelson. Spieth suspects things will stay in motion.

"I believe we'll all battle it out," he said. "But to battle it out on highest stages and to stay up in the ranking and all that ... it can happen. But it's going to take more than just this year." □

Lebedev beats Kayode to retain WBA cruiserweight belt

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — Russia's Denis Lebedev retained his WBA cruiserweight title Wednesday with a win by stoppage over previously undefeated Nigerian Lateef Kayode. Lebedev was in control throughout the fight and knocked down Kayode three times before the referee stopped the fight in the eighth round with the Nigerian taking punishment against the ropes.

"I'm enjoying the win," Lebedev said, adding that he was usually good friends with Kayode but "today we

said to each other, November 4, we're not friends."

Kayode started aggressively in the first round but Lebedev, who was fighting in front of a passionate home crowd on a Russian public holiday, soon asserted control. Kayode faced his first count in the seventh after a Lebedev left hook sent him sprawling, although he claimed he had been pushed. The Nigerian went down twice in the eighth from a body blow and another left hook. He kept fighting but could not hold on until the bell.

Lebedev improves to a 28-2 record. His last defeat came in 2013 against Panamanian Guillermo Jones, who failed a doping test after that fight. After inheriting the belt when Jones again tested positive, Lebedev defended it twice before the fight with Kayode. Kayode's loss drops him to 21-1 with two no contests, including a defeat last year to Luis Ortiz that was struck down when the Cuban tested positive for a steroid.

Also Wednesday, Russia's Eduard Troyanovsky won

the IBF light welterweight title on a hotly disputed technical knockout ruling against reigning champion Cesar Rene Cuenca of Argentina.

In a fight between two previously unbeaten boxers, Troyanovsky rattled Cuenca with two heavy blows in the sixth round before the Argentine appeared to slip and his head made contact with the advancing Troyanovsky's elbow.

The referee then spoke with Cuenca, who seemed reluctant to continue, before awarding the fight to Troy-

anovsky. That sparked furious protests from Cuenca's team, who appeared to want Troyanovsky disqualified. Troyanovsky is 23-0, while Cuenca drops to 48-1 with two no contests after only his second fight outside Argentina.

Russian heavyweight Alexander Povetkin, the mandatory challenger for WBC champion Deontay Wilder, beat his Polish opponent Mariusz Wach by technical knockout after the doctor had the fight stopped in the 12th with Wach's face badly cut. □

NHL Capsules

Lundqvist has 32 saves, Rangers beat Caps

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Hayes broke a deadlock late in the first period and Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves as the opportunistic Rangers beat the Capitals 5-2 on Tuesday night in their first meeting since New York defeated Washington in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals last spring.

Hayes, rookie Oscar Lindberg, Kevin Klein and Derrick Brassard each had a goal and an assist as the Rangers extended their points streak to seven games (5-0-2). Jarret Stoll scored his first for New York, which extended its home winning streak to five games.

Alexander Ovechkin, stopped point-blank twice by Lundqvist, and Marcus Johansson scored for the Capitals, who lost for the first time in five road games.

OILERS 4, FLYERS 2

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Ryan Nugent-Hopkins scored two goals and Taylor Hall had a goal and two assists as Edmonton beat Philadelphia after top draft pick Connor McDavid was injured. With the Flyers leading 2-1 and 1:44 remaining in the second period, McDavid had a partial, short-handed breakaway but fell awkwardly and was ridden hard into the boards by Philadelphia defensemen Michael Del Zotto and Brandon Manning, who also lost their balance on the play. McDavid left the ice favoring his left shoulder. He was seen wearing a sling in the hallway behind the dressing room and did not return for the third period. He had 12 points in his first 12 games and was selected the NHL's Rookie of the Month for October. Matt Hendricks also scored for the Oilers, who outshot the Flyers 49-22.

Scott Laughton and Ryan White scored for the Flyers, who have lost five straight.

STARS 5, BRUINS 3

BOSTON (AP) — Tyler Seguin scored three goals against his former team as



New York Islanders center Brock Nelson (29) checks New Jersey Devils right wing Kyle Palmieri (21) against the boards during the third period of an NHL hockey game in New York, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015. The Islanders defeated the Devils 2-1.

Associated Press

Dallas beat Boston.

Jyrki Jokipakka got his first NHL goal and Alex Goligoski had his first of the season for the Stars, who ended the Bruins' four-game winning streak despite being outshot 39-19.

Jason Spezza and John Klingberg had two assists each for the Stars. Kari Lehtonen made 36 saves. Loui Eriksson scored twice for Boston, and Colin Miller got his first career goal. Tuukka Rask allowed five goals on 19 shots and was mocked by Bruins fans when he made an easy stop late in the game. Boston lost center Chris Kelly 1:40 into the game with a broken leg. Seguin's seventh career hat trick was his sixth with the Stars, who acquired him in a trade with Boston in the summer of 2013.

RED WINGS 2, LIGHTNING 1

DETROIT (AP) — Red Wings rookie Dylan Larkin scored to break a third-period tie against Tampa Bay. The 19-year-old Larkin skated up the right boards and passed the puck to linemate Justin Abdelkader, who quickly returned it to Larkin. He knocked it under the arm of goalie Ben Bishop at 5:54.

Larkin has scored in consecutive games. It was Abdelkader's first point since

the second game of the season.

Riley Sheahan also scored for Detroit, and Jimmy Howard made 29 saves.

Nikita Kucherov scored with a 5-on-3 advantage for Tampa Bay. With a minute remaining, Lightning defenseman Anton Stralman hit the crossbar.

KINGS 3, BLUES 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jhonas Enroth posted his sixth career shutout as Los Angeles defeated St. Louis.

Jeff Carter, Tanner Pearson and Trevor Lewis scored for the Kings, who won for the eighth time in nine games. Los Angeles had a seven-game win streak snapped with a 4-2 loss to Chicago on Monday night. □

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Lowry, Raptors start 4-0 for 1st time, beating Mavs 102-91

The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Kyle Lowry scored 27 points as the Toronto Raptors spoiled the home opener in Dallas, beating the Mavericks 102-91 on Tuesday for the first 4-0 start in club history.

The Raptors took the lead for good on a 12-0 run that started in the middle of the fourth quarter. Jonas Valanciunas had six of his 16 points during the decisive stretch.

The Mavericks went almost 4 minutes without a basket after Dirk Nowitzki hit a 3-pointer for an 86-82 lead. Nowitzki finished with 18 points.

DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points, and Luis Scola had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who opened with three straight wins two other times in their first 20 seasons.

Lowry had a game-high 10 assists, and Toronto held Dallas to 6-of-22 shooting in the fourth quarter and 38 percent for the game.

Deron Williams, who starred at a Dallas-area high school, had 13 points in his home debut for the Mavericks.

HAWKS 98, HEAT 92

MIAMI (AP) — Jeff Teague had 26 points and nine assists, leading the Hawks to a road win.

Al Horford scored 17 points and Paul Millsap had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, which has won four straight following a



Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry (7) celebrates scoring a basket against the Dallas Mavericks late in the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, in Dallas. Lowry lead all scoring with 27-points in the 102-91 Raptors win.

season-opening loss.

Hassan Whiteside finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds for Miami, doing so on 11-for-12 shooting. According to STATS, Whiteside was the third Heat center to shoot at least 11 for 12 and block four shots in a game, joining Alonzo Mourning and Shaquille O'Neal.

Dwyane Wade scored 21 points despite spending a long stretch of the second half back in the Heat locker room after feeling a migraine start coming on. He took some medicine and returned in the fourth quarter.

NUGGETS 120, LAKERS 109

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kenneth Faried had 28 points and 15 rebounds, and Danilo Gallinari got 14 of his 21 points in the second half of Denver's victory over winless Los Angeles.

J.J. Hickson scored 17 points in the Nuggets' fifth consecutive win over the Lakers at Staples Center since November 2012. Faried dominated the low post, went 10 for 13 and hit all eight of his free throws in Denver's 10th win over Los Angeles in the last 11 meetings. Jordan Clarkson matched his career high

with 30 points, and Lou Williams added 14 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Lakers, who started 0-4 for the second straight year. Kobe Bryant had 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting, doing little to end his slump.

GRIZZLIES 103, KINGS 89

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Zach Randolph had 20 points and 11 rebounds as Memphis bounced back from an embarrassing loss with a victory over Sacramento.

The Grizzlies were eager to rebound after a franchise-worst, 50-point loss Monday to the defending NBA

champion Golden State Warriors. The Grizzlies were outscored 72-27 in the middle two quarters and set a team low for shooting (27.1 percent).

Mike Conley had 14 points and six assists for Memphis, and Courtney Lee also scored 14. Marc Gasol developed a neck spasm and didn't play in the second half. Rudy Gay had 19 points for the Kings, who played without All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins because of a strained right Achilles. Sacramento's perennial scoring and rebounding leader is also expected to miss Wednesday's game in Phoenix.

HORNETS 130, BULLS 105

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Jeremy Lamb scored 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting and Nicolas Batum added 18 as Charlotte cruised to its first victory of the season. Jeremy Lin added 15 points, and Al Jefferson had 14. The hot-shooting Hornets shot 14 of 22 from beyond the arc and made 22 of 23 free throws. Charlotte (1-3) led by as many as 27 in the second quarter after starting the game by hitting 13 of 18 shots from the field and all 11 foul shots in the first quarter. The Bulls never mounted a serious challenge.

Jimmy Butler led the Bulls (3-2) with a season-high 26 points on 10-of-16 shooting, while Doug McDermott added 17 points. □



This is a 2015 file photo showing Zack Greinke of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team.

Associated Press

Greinke gives up \$71 million, becomes free agent again

NEW YORK (AP) — Pitcher Zack Greinke has opted out of the final three years of his contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers in Major League Baseball, giving up a guaranteed \$71 million to become a free agent again.

Greinke was among 12 additional players who became free agents, the MLB Players Association said Wednesday, raising the to-

tal to 151.

The 32-year-old right-hander was 19-3 with a major league-best 1.66 ERA this season, when he struck out 200 in 222 2-3 innings.

A three-time All-Star, Greinke left the Los Angeles Angels at the end of the 2012 season and signed a \$147 million, six-year contract with the Dodgers, where he joined with Clayton Kershaw to form one of the top

rotations in baseball. While Los Angeles won three straight NL West titles, it has not reached the World Series since winning the 1988 championship.

He had the right to terminate the contract within three days of the end of the 2015 World Series. The deal with Los Angeles called for him to earn \$24 million next year, \$23 million in 2017 and \$24 million in 2018. □



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NASCAR suspends Matt Kenseth for 2 races

JJENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Looking to squash any notion that the drivers are running amok on the track, NASCAR suspended Matt Kenseth for two races Tuesday for intentionally wrecking Joey Logano in an act of retaliation that dramatically changed the lineup of drivers in the running for the championship.

The penalty levied against Kenseth is fairly unprecedented. Drivers have been suspended before for on-track actions, but typically only for one race and the policy has not been uniform.

NASCAR said it punished Kenseth because he had no chance at winning and intentionally altered the outcome of Sunday's race. NASCAR also said it factored aspects of safety in penalizing Kenseth as well as "the fact that the new Chase elimination format puts a premium on each and every race. These actions have no place in NASCAR."

NASCAR chairman Brian France earlier indicated a tough penalty was in works because the series can't allow a driver to think the way to "pay back somebody for something that happened is take matters into their own hands."

In addition, Danica Patrick was fined \$50,000 and docked 25 points for intentionally wrecking David Gilliland earlier in the race.

Joe Gibbs Racing immediately said it would appeal for Kenseth, and teammate Denny Hamlin decried the severity of the penalty.

"Thought it was pretty clear from drivers' reactions after the race that Joey broke driver code. Matt

made sure it was enforced. #freematt," Hamlin posted on Twitter.

Kenseth was nine laps down at Martinsville Speedway when he deliberately drove Logano into the wall. The crash was payback for Logano wrecking Kenseth three races ago in an incident that ultimately led to Kenseth's elimination from NASCAR's playoffs.

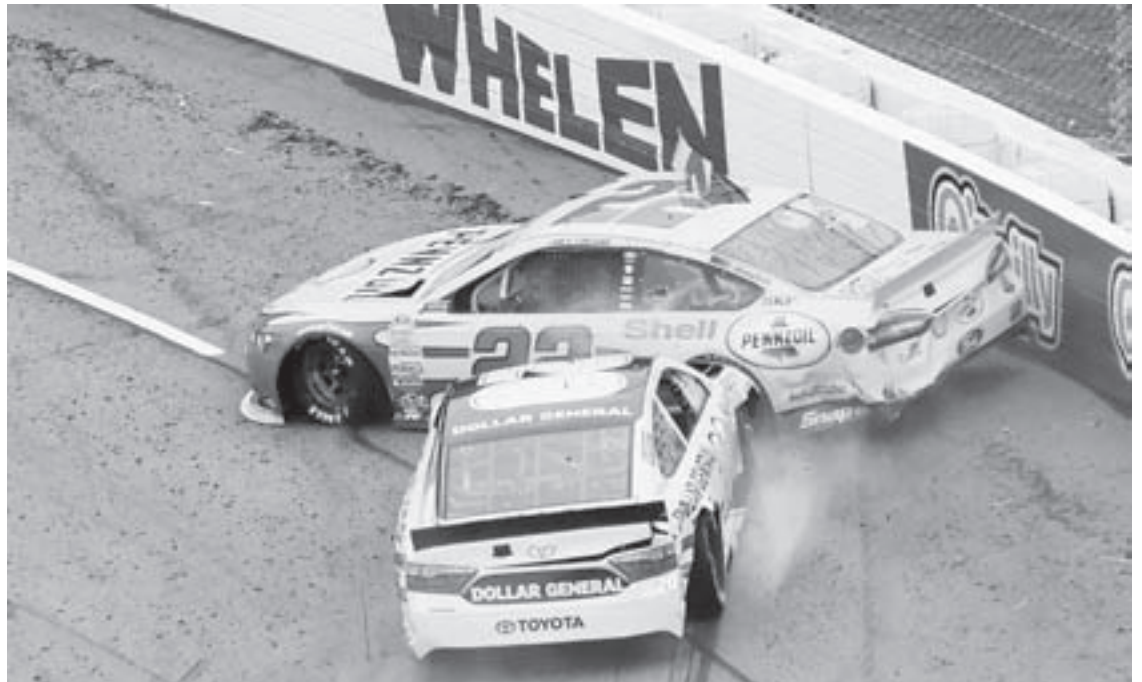
Kenseth fumed about the Kansas Speedway incident for two weeks and exacted his revenge as Logano was dominating at Martinsville. A victory would have earned Logano a spot in the Nov. 22 title-deciding finale, but he is now last in the eight-driver field with two races remaining as he tries to advance.

Logano had won three straight races before Sunday's on-track showdown with Kenseth. He had said earlier he wasn't worried about retribution, even though most of the industry believed Kenseth would not let the issue fade.

Kenseth, the 2003 NASCAR champion and a two-time Daytona 500 winner, was racing for a victory he needed to advance in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Logano chased him down even though he had already advanced to the next round. Kenseth blocked Logano several times in an effort to stave off a pass for the win, and Logano finally just moved Kenseth out of his way. The contact caused Kenseth to crash.

Logano shrugged it off as hard racing and denied deliberately wrecking the Joe Gibbs Racing driver.

Kenseth said the Team Penske driver was lying, and he had support throughout the garage after wrecking



In this Nov. 1, 2015, file photo, Joey Logano (22) and Matt Kenseth (20) tangle in Turn 1 during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. It's the wild west in NASCAR right now, and it's not clear if that's good or bad for this championship battle. Drivers are doing whatever they have to do to make it to the finale, to mixed reactions.

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Logano on purpose.

"I ain't going to argue with what Matt did, Matt felt like he was justified with how Joey wrecked him at Kansas and then was arrogant about it afterward," said Dale Earnhardt Jr. "That was really what got under Matt's skin more than anything, about how Joey was arrogant about it. When you damn wreck a guy, admit it, you know? Don't wreck Matt Kenseth, I'll tell you that right now. Do not wreck that boy."

Kenseth's peers consider him a fair racer who follows old-school beliefs about on-track etiquette. Logano, the reigning Daytona 500 champion, has struggled with some of his fellow competitors. At just 25 years old and in his seventh full season, Logano has rankled some veterans with a perceived lack of respect to the way things have always been done.

Still, Logano has made tremendous strides since

he left Joe Gibbs Racing — Kenseth took his ride — and went to drive for Roger Penske in 2013. After several run-ins in which older drivers appeared to bully Logano a bit, he matured and learned to stand up for himself.

Logano called Sunday's wreck "a complete coward move, especially for a championship race car driver and race team." Kenseth maintained he had to do something to avoid losing respect in the garage. He also noted that Logano has been the strongest driver over the last month and still has two races remaining to recover from Martinsville.

"He's got a couple races left, he's got the best car, he might get a couple of wins here and still have a shot at it," Kenseth said.

The incident raised questions over what is acceptable given the heightened stakes of the Chase elimination format.

Kevin Harvick didn't get out of the way two weeks ago at Talladega when his engine was failing because he knew a poor finish would knock him from the Chase. But by holding his position, he caused a race-ending crash that had consequences for other drivers.

The reigning series champion was not punished by NASCAR even though several drivers said Harvick's action was deliberate. Harvick admitted he did what he had to do with his season on the line.

After Kenseth wrecked Logano on Sunday, Kenseth teammates Kyle Busch and Hamlin had pointed views on the current climate. Busch alleged there are different rules for different drivers, while Hamlin said NASCAR leadership had allowed the drivers to become the "wild, wild West." France told Sirius XM NASCAR radio the sanctioning body will correct the current climate. □

No trades get done on NFL's deadline day

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)** —

The only action at the NFL's trade deadline Tuesday came in Denver, where tight end Vernon Davis arrived to take his physical and begin learning the language of Peyton Manning's suddenly revved-up offense.

Joe Thomas won't be joining them.

Switching teams in pro football isn't as easy as it is in other sports, so there's usually a scarcity of mid-season moves, and even Sunday's rash of injuries to key players served to quash talks rather than ignite talks. After filling a void at tight end, Broncos GM John Elway explored an even bigger splash but the Broncos

and Browns couldn't reach agreement on a blockbuster deal for Thomas, Cleveland's eight-time Pro Bowl left tackle.

"The trading deadline creates a lot of controversy and a lot of scuttlebutt that generally results in nothing," Browns general manager Ray Farmer told reporters after the deadline passed quietly. "We had some conversations and, at the end of the day, they all resulted in the same thing — nothing."

After acquiring Davis and a late-round draft pick Monday for a pair of sixth-round picks, Elway said his philosophy was to make a deal if it made both organizational and financial sense.

"I think that we're always trying to get better," Elway

said. "... We're not going to mortgage the future to do it, but if we can add to our football team now and feel like it makes us better, we're going to look at opportunities like that."

Denver will stick with a platoon of left tackles Ryan Harris and Tyler Polumbus protecting Manning's blind-side. Both players were jettisoned by the Broncos several years ago only to be brought back this season when injuries riddled the O-line.

Ryan Clady tore an ACL in May and his replacement, rookie Ty Sambrailo, is headed for surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder that has sidelined him since September.

Although there were no deadline deals, there were

plenty of moves across the league Tuesday:

—The Chargers placed star receiver Keenan Allen on season-ending injured reserve with a lacerated kidney.

—The Cowboys released embattled running back Joseph Randle.

—The 49ers signed running back Pierre Thomas.

—And the Titans fired coach Ken Whisenhunt after a 1-6 start and hired Mike Mularkey interim coach.

The Broncos are one of the league's four 7-0 teams but had two big concerns: tight end and left tackle after losing third-round pick Jeff Heuerman and Clady to knee injuries during offseason workouts this spring.

The Broncos have long had their eye on Davis, the sixth

overall draft pick in 2006 and the 49ers' franchise leader at his position in catches and touchdowns. But they wanted to make sure he had overcome a recent knee injury. With 10 catches for 85 yards over San Francisco's past two games, they were satisfied and signed off on the deal Monday.

Elway figures Davis can help clear out the middle of the field where opponents have bunched their defenders, throttling Denver's ground game and crowding Manning's passing lanes.

"Obviously it's going to take him a little bit of time to get used to what we're doing," Elway said. "We'd like to get him in there as soon as we can." □

Paris Masters

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From then on, Federer thrilled the Paris crowd with one-handed backhand winners down the line, subtle volleys at the net and overhead smashes, all played at an electric pace that proved the 34-year-old is in great physical shape even this late in the season. "It's a great feeling because you feel like whatever you do, you will find a solution somehow," Federer said. It was Federer's 13th win in 14 matches against Seppi, who knocked him out in the third round of the Australian Open this year for his lone victory against the Swiss star. Federer sealed victory with a brilliant shot, even by his high standards — a sliced backhand drop with so much spin that it eluded Seppi just before he could reach it.

Even Seppi seemed impressed, shaking his head ruefully and laughing with Federer after they shook hands at the net.

Federer, the 2011 Paris Masters champion, is enjoying a fine season — having clinched his sixth title of the year and 88th of his career by beating 14-time Grand Slam champion

Rafael Nadal in the Basel final last Sunday. He next faces 13th-seeded American John Isner, who had 21 aces in a 6-3, 7-6 (3) win against qualifier Aljaz Bedene.

Earlier, second-seeded Andy Murray and the seventh-seeded Nadal also advanced in straight sets. Murray beat 18-year-old Croat Borna Coric 6-1, 6-2, while Nadal defeated Czech qualifier Lukas Rosol 6-2, 6-2. Murray won 84 percent of his first-serve points and broke Coric twice in each set. Coric, regarded as one of the rising stars of tennis, beat Murray 6-1, 6-3 in the quarterfinals of the Dubai Championships in February. "I hit the ball well and I was able to defend, too, which is a pretty important part of my game," Murray said.

Murray will next play 16th-seeded David Goffin of Belgium, who beat Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-2, 6-2. Murray and Goffin are set to also face each other later this month in the Davis Cup final. Nadal was in trouble when he played Rosol in the first round of the Swiss Indoors last week, with the Czech serving for



Britain's Andy Murray serves the ball to Borna Coric of Croatia, during their second round match of the BNP Masters tennis tournament, at the Paris refurbished Bercy Arena, in Paris, France, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015.

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victory at 5-4.

There was no drama this time. Nadal broke Rosol in the second game and held for 3-0 after saving a break point — the only one he faced in the match.

He clinched the first set when Rosol's wild, two-handed backhand sailed wide, and then earned the victory on his second match point when Rosol's forehand went wide.

Nadal next plays 11th-seeded Kevin Anderson of

South Africa, after he beat Dominic Thiem of Austria 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) in a match lasting 2 hours, 45 minutes that finished at 12:26 a.m. local time.

The 29-year-old Nadal dropped to 10th in the rankings earlier this year. □

"I was a little bit blocked mentally," he said.

But he has since improved to a No. 6 ranking and reached his 98th final last week. "The big improvement and big confidence

is when I am able to find solutions again," he said. "The thing that I need to keep improving is obviously the serve ... I am returning much better." No. 5 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, No. 6 Kei Nishikori of Japan, No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France, No. 10 Richard Gasquet of France, No. 15 Feliciano Lopez of Spain, Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria and Victor Troicki of Serbia also advanced. □

Nissan test car drives itself safely, recognizes pedestrians

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TOKYO (AP) — Being a passenger in a self-driving car is similar to being driven around by a very cautious person, maybe your grandmother.

Requiring neither hands on the steering wheel nor a foot on the gas pedal or brakes, the Nissan Motor Co. car making its way on Japanese public roads is instead packed with radars, lasers, cameras and computer chips.

Nissan's "intelligent driving" feature is smart enough to navigate intersections without lane markers. It also brakes safely to a stop without crashing into the vehicle in front, and it knows the difference between a red light and a tail-lamp.

Reporters were given a half-hour test ride in the prototype vehicle Tuesday on a scenic but pre-programmed course on Tokyo roads, which included stopping at traffic lights, making turns, changing lanes and crossing a bridge across the bay. The car was painstakingly careful, like someone extra cautious on the road.

It always stayed within the speed limit. And it slowed down, appearing to be "thinking" at slightly complicated situations, such as cars coming from another lane. The system is designed to recognize people and if a pedestrian jumped out onto the road, the car should come to a stop.

Nissan, which also makes the Infiniti luxury model and the March subcompact, is preparing the autonomous



Nissan Motor Co. General Manager Tetsuya Iijima gets his hands off of the steering wheel of a self-driving prototype vehicle during a test drive in Tokyo, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

driving option for vehicles going on sale in 2020.

It plans to have abbreviated versions of the technology starting from next year, such as keeping a safe distance from the car in front on congested roads.

The car experienced by The Associated Press is still unable to deal with unexpected situations, such as moving to the side of the road if an ambulance approaches. At one point, the human driver, who was in the seat for the whole test ride, had to intervene because the car didn't properly recognize an unclearly drawn lane.

Otherwise, it did fine.

Nissan General Manager Tetsuya Iijima, who was the human driver for the test ride, acknowledged the system needs fine-tuning. But he was confident it was the way of the future, delivering better safety, because more than 90 percent of traffic accidents are caused by driver error. When compared with a human, Nissan's prototype is only 3 or 4 years old, maybe 6 at most, and the goal is to help it mature to a 20-year-old, he said.

"It's like a kid," said Iijima, emulating a child walking slowly, a step at a time. "We need to make it understand the world — the

severe world."

The system was shown in Nissan's Leaf electric vehicle, meaning it was not only intelligent but also zero-emission.

Its trunk space was filled with electronics and wiring, evidence of the computer technology needed to integrate the information from the car's many sensors, radars and 360-degree cameras. When it goes on sale, the electronics system will be much smaller and tidier. Jeremy Carlson, senior analyst at IHS Automotive, who is an expert on autonomous driving, praised Nissan for having "a clear roadmap" for the technol-

ogy it was working on.

"Nissan's plans to successfully deploy piloted drive technologies keep the automaker at or near the leading edge of the industry in driver assistance technology both in Japan and worldwide," he said.

"Overall it is a comprehensive system that will allow Nissan to continue to innovate and add functionality in the future."

Nissan plans to tailor the feature to various markets. In the U.S., where there tends to be long driving on highways, a feature that might work like an enhanced auto-cruise would be handy. □

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Google will let artificial intelligence reply to your email

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is putting a different twist on the concept of "automated reply" with a new tool that aims to write artificially intelligent responses to your email.

The technology is part of an update to Google's Inbox app for managing and organizing email. The feature announced Tuesday is the latest example of Google's effort to teach machines

how to take over some of the tasks typically handled by humans.

The most conspicuous example so far has been Google's 6-year-old project developing cars that can drive without a human steering the wheel. Google also has been using an artificial intelligence program called "RankBrain" to help determine the pecking order in its influential Internet

search results.

In this instance, Google says it has created a program that identifies which incoming emails merit quick responses and then figures out the appropriate wording. Up to three choices will be offered as a reply before it's sent. The responses that people select are supposed to help Google's computers learn which ones work best.

Google expects its new "smart reply" option to be particularly popular when people are checking emails on smartphones equipped with smaller, touch-screen keyboards. The new feature is available to all consumers who use the free version of Inbox, as well as the more than 2 million businesses who pay for Google's suite of applications designed for work.

Google unveiled Inbox a year ago as a more sophisticated alternative to its popular Gmail service. The Mountain View, California, company hasn't said how many people have installed Inbox. Gmail has more than 400 million worldwide users, according to the research firm comScore.

Google is part of a recently formed parent company, Alphabet Inc. □

Wall Street dips on weakness in energy sector

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NEW YORK (AP)—Stocks retreated modestly Wednesday after comments from Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen implied that Fed policymakers are still considering raising interest rates in December.

Yellen's comments pushed the U.S. dollar higher. The dollar's rise had a secondary impact of causing oil to fall, which in turn impacted oil, gas and energy stocks. U.S. government bond prices also fell.

Media and entertainment stocks were pummeled after worrisome comments from media conglomerate Time Warner. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 50.57 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,867.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 7.48 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,102.31 and the Nasdaq composite fell 2.65 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,142.48. During her regular semi-annual testimony to Congress, Yellen said that an interest rate hike in December would be a "live possibility" if the economy stays on track. Yellen did stress that no decision has been made yet and a move in December will depend on how the economy fares between now and then.

At its Dec. 15-16 meeting, the Fed will consider raising a key interest rate from a record low of near zero if the economy continues to grow at a strong enough



Trader Brandon Barb works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks retreated modestly Wednesday after comments from Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen implied that Fed policymakers are still considering raising interest rates in December.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

pace to keep adding jobs and push annual inflation toward the Fed's 2 percent target, Yellen said.

Once considered an unlikely scenario, a December rate hike seems more likely by the day. Stocks have recovered nearly all of their losses from the summer, financial markets have calmed in China and elsewhere, and the U.S. economy continues to slowly improve. Securities that allow investors to bet on which way the Fed will move interest rates are now pricing in a roughly 60 percent chance of the Fed raising rates next month, according to data from the Chicago

go Mercantile Exchange. "Everyone is so focused on the world's central banks at the moment they don't seem to care about anything else," said Colleen Supran with the San Francisco-based wealth management firm Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough. Investors will closely parse the October jobs report, which is due out Friday. Investors expect that U.S. employers added 185,000 jobs last month and that the unemployment rate remained steady at 5.1 percent.

One of the biggest victims of Yellen's comments, inadvertently, was oil and gas stocks. Yellen's com-

ments cause the U.S. dollar to strengthen and oil prices to decline sharply.

Crude oil fell \$1.58, or 3.3 percent, to \$46.32 a barrel, reversing after two days of gains. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, fell \$1.96, or 4 percent, to \$48.58 a barrel.

"Today's sell-off was easily definable by some hawkish comments out of (Yellen) suggestive of a rate hike next month," wrote Jim Ritterbusch, with the oil trading firm Ritterbusch & Associates, in a note. Some of the biggest gainers on Monday and Tuesday were among the biggest decliners on Wednesday. □

STREET BRIEFS

Target is closing 13 stores nationwide citing falling profits

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Target plans to close 13 stores nationwide, including one in New Ulm and two others in Milwaukee and Superior, Wisconsin. The Minneapolis-based retailer says a decision to close a store usually follows several years of decreasing profitability. The retail giant plans to close the stores on Jan. 30, 2016. The 13 are among Target's nearly 1,800 stores in the U.S. Target was hurt by a massive credit-card breach before Christmas 2013 that sent shoppers temporarily fleeing. The company also botched a major expansion into Canada and pulled the plug on that earlier this year. Layoffs in 2015 included 2,500 jobs, or about one-fifth of the workers in the company's corporate offices in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Park. □

Maersk says to cut at least 4,000 jobs amid demand slide

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Maersk Line, the shipping branch of Danish conglomerate A.P. Moller-Maersk, says it will reduce its network capacity, postpone investments and reduce its global headcount by at least 4,000 jobs by the end of 2017. Maersk Line says it was speeding up already announced plans to simplify the organization in the light of lower demand. Company CEO Soeren Skou said Wednesday in a statement that the decisions were "necessary steps to transform our industry." Maersk Line currently has 23,000 land-based staff globally. Last month, the group's oil unit, Maersk Oil, said it will cut 1,250 jobs this year, reducing its workforce by 10-12 percent due to the slump in oil prices. The Copenhagen-based group plans to present its third quarter earnings on Friday. □

Deutsche Bank to pay \$258M to settle US violations

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ALBANY, New York (AP) — Deutsche Bank has agreed to pay \$258 million to settle legal problems stemming from U.S. sanctions violations, New York regulators said Wednesday.

Under the settlement, Deutsche Bank will dismiss six people, ban three others from duties involving U.S. operations and install an independent monitor, according to New York's Department of Financial Services. The six are two

managing directors, two directors and two vice presidents. It will pay \$200 million to the department and \$58 million to the Federal Reserve. "We are committed to investigating and pursuing sanctions violations and money laundering at financial institutions," department Superintendent Anthony Albanese said. "To truly deter future wrongdoing, it is important to focus not just on corporate accountability, but also individual accountability."

The German bank pro-

cessed nearly \$11 billion in payments through its New York branch from 1999 to 2006 on behalf of Sudanese, Iranian, Burmese, Libyan and Syrian entities, the department said. Staff overseas removed some identifying information before passing U.S. dollar payments along to the U.S. branch for clearing, according to investigators.

Deutsche Bank was pleased to reach the resolution, spokeswoman Renee Calabro said Wednesday. "The conduct ceased

several years ago, and since then we have terminated all business with parties from the countries involved," she said.

Two weeks ago, the department announced a settlement for more than \$787 million with Credit Agricole for similar violations. The French bank processed more than \$32 billion in payments through its New York branch between 2003 and 2008 on behalf of Sudanese, Iranian, Burmese and Cuban entities, regulators said. □

Kraft Heinz to close 7 factories in US, Canada in downsizing

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Kraft Heinz will close seven plants in the U.S. and Canada over the next two years as part of a downsizing that will eliminate 2,600 jobs, or roughly 14 percent of its North American factory workforce, the newly-merged food company announced Wednesday.

The company said it would close manufacturing facilities in Fullerton and San Leandro, California; Federalsburg, Maryland; St. Marys, Ontario, Canada; Campbell, New York; Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania; and Madison, Wisconsin. The closures will occur over the next 12 to 24 months. The company said it also will close its existing lunch-

meat processing plant in Davenport, Iowa, and move production to a new state-of-the-art plant to be built several miles away within two years. Part of the company's cheese production will also be moved away from Champaign, Illinois. The company, co-headquartered in Chicago and Pittsburgh, formed from the

merger of Kraft and Heinz earlier this year. After the facilities close, Kraft Heinz will have 41 plants in North America that employ about 18,000 people. "Our decision to consolidate manufacturing across the Kraft Heinz North American network is a critical step in our plan to eliminate excess capacity

and reduce operational redundancies for the new combined company," Michael Mullen, senior vice president of corporate and government affairs, said in a statement. "This will make Kraft Heinz more globally competitive and accelerate the company's future growth," he said. □

Honda profit up despite hit from Takata air bag recalls

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TOKYO (AP) — Honda reported a quarterly profit of 127.7 billion yen (\$1 billion) Wednesday, up 7 percent from its revised result from the year before, even as costs of a massive recall related to defective air bags dented the boost from healthy sales.

Tokyo-based Honda, hard hit by air bag problems at supplier Takata Corp., said it will stop buying air bag inflators from Takata for models now under development.

The maker of the Odyssey minivan, Civic sedan and Asimo robot had recall-related expenses totaling 87.5 billion yen (\$723 million) for the quarter. July-September sales rose nearly 16 percent to 3.6 trillion yen (\$30 billion).

The automaker said it revised past earnings because it has adopted International Financial Reporting Standards, a set of accounting rules being promoted globally by the International Accounting Standards Board as more transparent and accountable.

Honda, which has repeat-

edly said it won't rescue Takata, issued a statement saying Takata had not been forthright enough.

"We have become aware of evidence that suggests that Takata misrepresented and manipulated test data for certain air bag inflators," Honda said. "Honda expects its suppliers to act with integrity at all times, and we are deeply troubled by this apparent behavior by one of our suppliers."

Takata agreed to pay \$70 million in U.S. penalties for lapses in how it handled recalls of millions of explosion-prone air bags, blamed in eight deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide. Under the five-year pact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration can increase the penalty to a record \$200 million if Takata fails to abide by the terms. Takata agreed to phase out air bag inflators that use ammonium nitrate, the propellant blamed for the explosions.

Takata Chief Executive Shigehisa Takada stressed the company will comply and deliver a fix. But the root cause of the propellant remains under inves-



Honda Motor Co. CEO Takahiro Hachigo speaks next to a Honda FCX Clarity at the Tokyo Motor show in Tokyo. Honda reported a quarterly profit of 127.7 billion yen (\$1 billion) Wednesday, Nov. 4, up 7 percent from its revised result from the year before, even as costs of a massive recall related to defective air bags dented the boost from healthy sales.

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tigation. Although there is a question mark about Takata's future, one factor in its favor is that it makes a variety of products, including seat belts and steering wheels. Air bags made up 38 percent of Takata sales last fiscal year.

"I don't know if it's enough to take the company down," said Kelley Blue Book senior analyst Rebec-

ca Lindland. "I think they will weather the storm, but they need to come clean." It is also not easy for automakers to switch suppliers because model development and planning take several years, and various models at a manufacturer share platforms, or basic parts. Honda has not ruled out the use of other Takata prod-

ucts, including air bags minus the inflators.

Takata shares plunged 13 percent in Tokyo on Wednesday. It reports earnings Friday.

Takata plans to pay \$10 million in the NHTSA fines this fiscal year, but will book the entire amount in its next earnings. Takata said it has enough in its coffers to pay the \$10 million. □

Pressure grows on Volkswagen as the bad news piles up

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The fallout from Volkswagen's emissions-cheating scandal intensified Wednesday, as investors dumped the company's stock and a credit ratings agency downgraded its debt. European regulators demanded VW speed

up its investigation into the cheating, while the company halted sales of seven models in the U.S. that allegedly were part of the plot. The latest developments followed Volkswagen's admission Tuesday that it had understated the carbon dioxide emissions for 800,000 cars, widening the scope of the scandal.

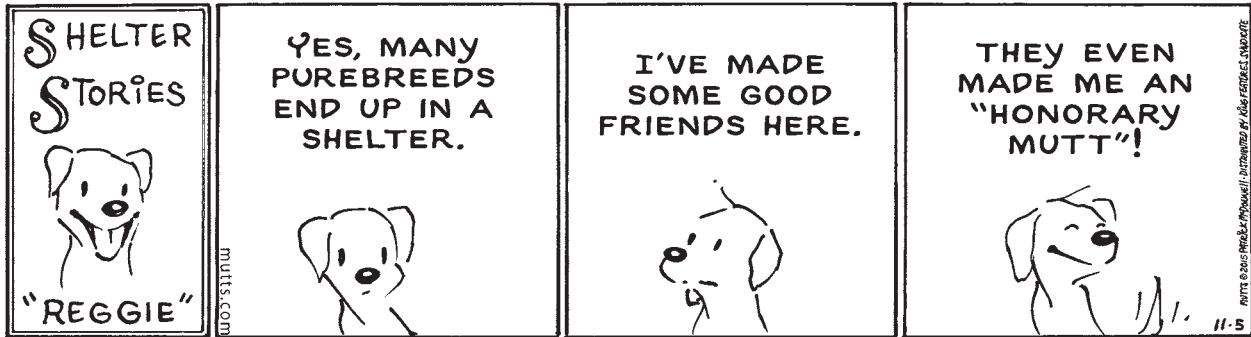
The company has been unable to halt the flow of bad news since mid-September, when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Volkswagen had installed software on 482,000 cars with small diesel engines that enabled them to cheat on emissions tests for one pollutant, nitrogen oxide. The software reduced emissions when the car was

on a test stand. Volkswagen acknowledged that 11 million vehicles worldwide have the software. On Monday, the EPA charged that Volkswagen also used cheating software in some cars with larger diesel engines, including Volkswagen's elite Porsche brand. Volkswagen denied the claim, but over the past two days halted sales in the

U.S. and Canada of the models involved: the Volkswagen Touareg, Porsche Cayenne, and the Audi A6, A7, A8, Q5 and Q7.

Late Tuesday, VW said it had also found "unexplained inconsistencies" in emissions from some of its vehicles of carbon dioxide, a gas that scientists say contributes to global warming. □

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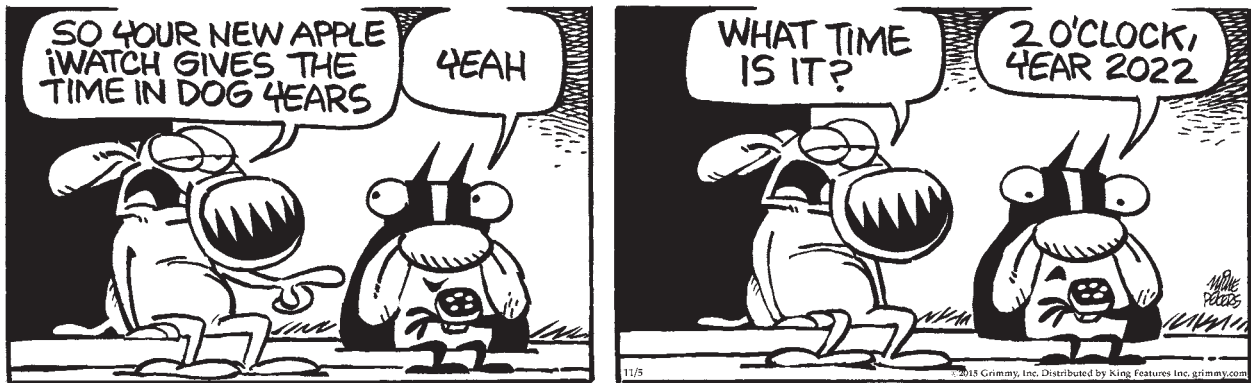
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11/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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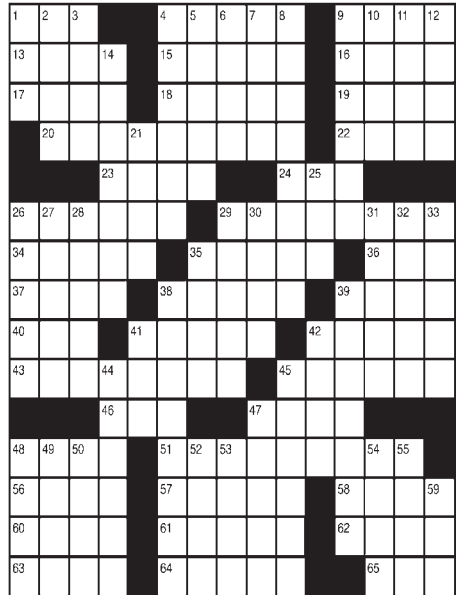
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ACROSS

- "Cat Hot Tin Roof"
- Remove the lid from
- Make fun of
- Marries
- One of the five senses
- Capable
- Slothful
- Overly sentimental
- Harness strap
- Answers
- Office boo-boo
- Throw
- Bitterly cold
- Take without resisting
- Snail on a plate
- Pillow covers
- Expansive
- Samuel's teacher
- Joints nearest the waist
- Subdue; suppress
- Injure
- Go wrong
- 1/8 of a cup
- Sculpt
- Hottest, when it comes to salsa
- roll; bread with a pinwheel shape
- Spanish cheer
- Little miss
- Pocket bread
- Absolute essential
- Laugh loudly
- Bundles of hay
- Christmas carol
- Pointed tools
- Clear the slate
- Snatch
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- Shaping tool
- Maximum
- Parts of speech
- Use bad words
- Dull pain
- Thorough
- doctor's exam
- One who dies for his beliefs
- Follow orders
- Cut coupons
- Casino game
- "All go!"; sign to proceed
- Bursts
- Two-timing guy
- Hearth residue
- Nest noise
- Isle near Naples
- Build
- Food fish
- Switch; change course
- Tiny fruit used in making oil
- Stopwatch
- Items on a bread tray
- Fertile female in a hive
- Sending
- Lubricate
- Vehicles
- Not fine; gritty
- Smooched
- Canadian migrators
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Study: Reproduction of dolphins hurt by BP oil spill

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dolphins living in a Louisiana bay polluted by BP's massive 2010 offshore oil spill have had a very difficult time giving birth long after their bay was covered in slicks, a new study shows. The government study is the latest by a team of scientists that has tracked the health of a population of common bottlenose dolphins in Barataria Bay, an estuary south of New Orleans covered in heavy slicks after BP's April 2010 oil spill off the coast of Louisiana.

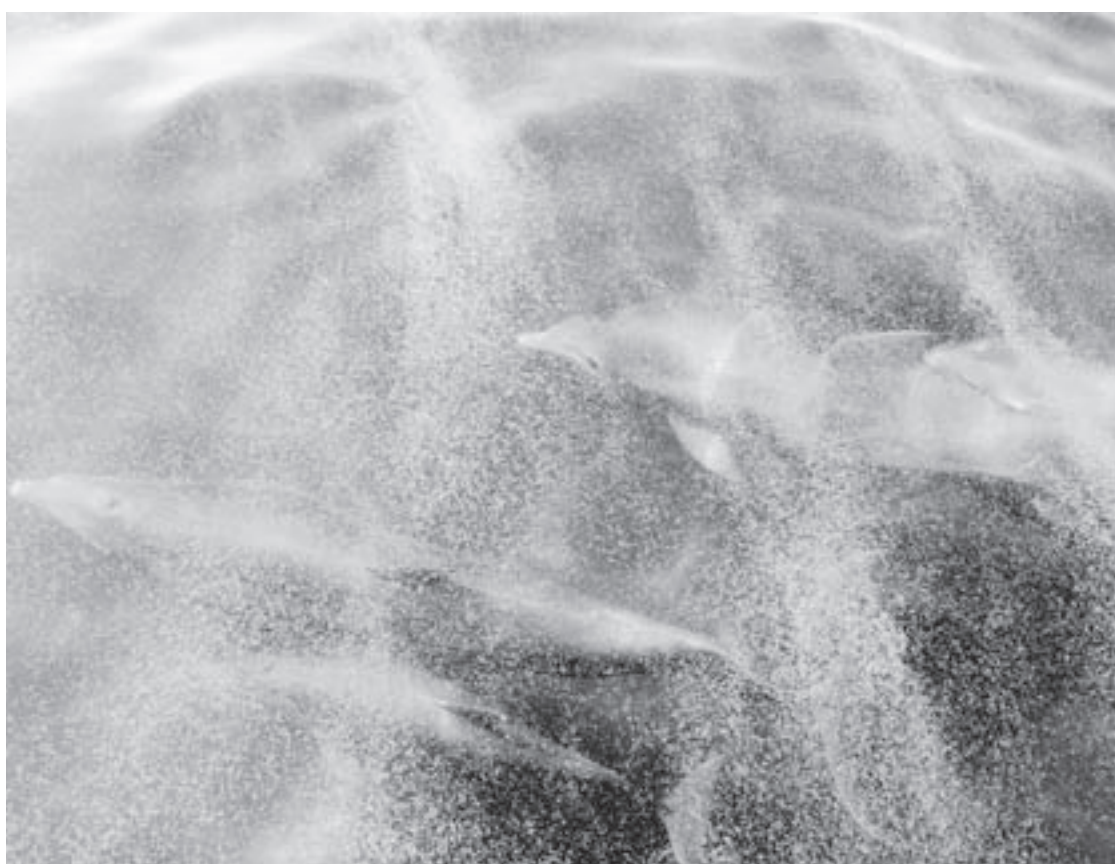
The researchers tracked 10 pregnant dolphins for nearly four years and found that only two of the dolphins gave birth to calves.

The study was published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the Royal Academy of Sciences in Britain.

BP PLC's blown-out well killed 11 workers aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and spewed more than 130 million gallons (492 million liters) of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

After the spill, researchers found dolphins in Barataria suffering from lung diseases and abnormalities they associated with exposure to oil contamination. Since then, the dolphins have become a focus of work to assess the effects from the oil spill.

In August 2011, about a



In this Thursday, May 6, 2010, file photo, a pod of Bottle Nose dolphins swim under the oily water of Chandeleur Sound, La.

Associated Press

year after oil stopped leaking from BP's blown-out well, researchers tagged 32 dolphins and followed them to see what happened.

The new study found they've suffered from a high mortality rate and chronic diseases that have hurt the animals' ability to reproduce. The study said the effects of the spill "have been long-lasting."

"The take-home message is that this dolphin population, as well as other dolphin and whale popula-

tions that were exposed to the Deepwater Horizon oil, will take a long time to recover," said Lori Schwacke, a wildlife epidemiologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She was the lead researcher.

Schwacke said data on 2013 and 2014 reproduction rates show continuing problems. Those data were not included in the new paper.

Dolphins are slow to reach reproductive maturity, and once they do it takes about

a year and a half for them to give birth. They only give birth to a single calf every three to five years. In a recent report on restoring the Gulf, government scientists say it could take decades for mammal populations to recover from the spill.

BP declined to comment Tuesday on the study.

Cynthia Smith, the executive director of the National Marine Mammal Foundation and a researcher in the study, said the dolphins are most likely suffering lingering health problems

from when they swam in the oil slicks covering Barataria.

"Those health effects can last a long time," Smith said. "It's not just fleeting." Researchers estimated that there were about 2,300 dolphins living in Barataria at the time of the spill and that about 35 percent of them died because of the spill.

The Gulf Coast between Alabama and Louisiana is home to the nation's largest population of dolphins, said Moby Solangi, the head of the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Solangi, who was not part of the study, said he welcomed it, but that more work needs to be done to determine with even more certainty the environmental insults the dolphins are suffering from.

"Barataria was a polluted bay prior to the oil spill, and it will continue to be so," Solangi said. He said the long-term health of dolphins, and other mammals, depends on making sure other sources of pollution are dealt with too, such as other oil spills and contaminants carried down the Mississippi River.

"You have to connect the dots, and the dots have not been connected," he said. "We have to look at the overall ecosystem to see how these animals will recover." □

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Cezanne drawing discovered on back of artist's watercolor



This undated photo provided by Christie's shows a pencil drawing by Cezanne that has never been recorded in the canon of his work. It was discovered on the back side of a watercolor by Cezanne, "Trees Along A Road," estimated at \$400,000-800,000, that will be offered for sale on the evening of Nov. 12 at Christie's New York.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — While removing an old backing from a Paul Cezanne watercolor in preparation for a major auction next week, Christie's says it made an exciting discovery — a pencil drawing by the French post-impressionist artist on the reverse side of the painting.

The watercolor, "Trees Along A Road," has been in the collection of a New Orleans family since 1956. The drawing also offers a clue to the probable date of the watercolor's execution that had previously been unclear. It looks similar in composition to an 1884 painting in the collection of the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, California, titled "Chestnut Trees and the farm at Jas de Bouffan," the auction house said.

Jas de Bouffan was the artist's family's country estate in Aix-en-Provence in France, a frequent subject of his paintings.

"Cezanne wasn't in the habit of dating things. ... but because he would use both sides of a paper at the same time, it brings us closer to the probable date of execution for both sides of the sheet," said Conor Jor-

dan, Christie's impressionist and modern art specialist. The drawing depicts three rounded tree trunks in the foreground and foliage and architectural elements in the background.

Earlier this year, similar discoveries were made on the backs of two Cezanne watercolors in the collection of the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. The two unfinished sketches — one graphite and the other watercolor — also were found after paper backing was removed.

The discovery at Christie's was made two weeks ago during a routine conservation in advance of its Nov. 12 evening sale of impressionist and modern art where the "Trees Along A Road" is estimated to bring between \$400,000 and \$800,000.

Whether the discovery will jack up the price is hard to tell, but "it will excite the people who buy Cezanne drawings ... It will make it more desirable and a great addition to anyone's collection," said Jordan.

"It is a very interesting discovery for scholars," because Cezanne's works are very well-recorded, said David Nash, a Cezanne expert. "The drawing is not recorded until now." □









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Eagles tribute postponed because of Glenn Frey's health

NEW YORK (AP) — The Eagles are postponing their Kennedy Center tribute because of co-founder Glenn Frey's health issues.

The Washington-based Center announced Wednesday that the Eagles will not participate in a Dec. 6 ceremony that will also honor Carole King and George Lucas among others. Frey, who turns 67 on Friday, has long suffered from intestinal problems, which he has blamed on his drug use during the band's early years, and is expected to undergo surgery. Frey sang lead on the Eagles' first hit, "Take It Easy," and on such favorites as "New Kid in Town" and "Already Gone."

The Kennedy Center plans to honor the Eagles in 2016. Frey and Don Henley are the remaining original members of the band, which now also includes Joe Walsh and Timothy B. Schmit. □



In this April 10, 2014 file photo, Glenn Frey appears at the 2014 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in New York.

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In this Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 photo, singer/songwriter Seal poses for a portrait at Warner Bros. Records in Burbank, Calif.
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Seal releases album of love, heartbreak and healing

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Seal, songwriting is like therapy. And since splitting from Heidi Klum in 2012, he's been immersed. "It's really cathartic," he said. "When people have something that's ailing them or something that's weighing on them and they go and see a therapist or a shrink ... essentially what they're trying to do is off-load. They're trying to share the load. As a songwriter ... you can articulate those emotions, or you can take that which is within and get it out."

"The caveat is it only works if you're being honest," he said. "It would be like if you were going to a shrink or a therapist: that only works if you're telling the truth." The result of all this writing therapy is Seal's first new music in five years: an album about love, heartbreak and healing.

Tall, slim and nattily dressed down to his blue suede boots, the 52-year-old said he didn't set out to write about love, he just tried to be truthful.

"If you're being in any way disingenuous, then it doesn't matter if that thing comes out and it's successful commercially. You're forever tethered to that

thing and you don't gain release," he said. "And I think the whole point of being a songwriter is to gain release through those things you write."

So the new album has songs with titles such as "The Big Love Has Died" and lyrics like: "Breaking up is harder when you have a higher price to pay/ Now she takes a lover so that she can hide the pain." A reference, maybe, to Klum's relationship with her bodyguard after she and Seal split?

Seal and Klum were married for seven years before their divorce was finalized in 2014. They had three children together, and Seal adopted Klum's daughter from a previous relationship. The children are now 11, 10, 9 and 4.

"Over the past few years, Seal has been through the tumble dryer of love," said producer Trevor Horn, who first worked with the singer on his 1991 debut. "He gets sad on the record. You can hear him being sad, but you can't hear him being bitter."

Seal wanted to call the new album "Seal." But he said the record company was worried that fans would confuse it with his first, second and fourth albums, also called "Seal."

So they agreed to call the new album "Seal 7," which hits stores Friday.

"Now people are calling it '7,' much to my annoyance," said Seal, whose birth name is Henry Samuel. "People think it's this mystical reason why it's called '7.' It's not. It's just the seventh studio album."

He's halfway through making a follow-up, saying he finds songwriting to be a "source of light." It's not about making hits, he said, but making connections — first with his own feelings, then with his listeners.

Knowing his music has touched people means more than Grammy Awards and No. 1 hits, he said.

"Honestly, without trying to sound funny, that feeling is the fullest feeling you can experience," he said. "And even if it's just one person. To know that you actually, on a humanitarian level, that you actually affected somebody, somebody that was not having an easy time."

And to know that you affected them, in some way you helped them get through something, that is the most validating feeling ever. ... It's at the very core of who we are as a race. It's what we're here for: to be able to affect each other in that way." □

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Elvis songwriter Mac Davis honored by BMI

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Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Songwriter Mac Davis, who wrote the Elvis Presley classic "In the Ghetto," was honored at the BMI Country Awards in Nashville, Tennessee, on Tuesday with tributes from Luke Bryan and Little Big Town.

Davis was given the BMI Icon award for penning five decades of hits in the pop and country worlds including "Memories," "A Little Less Conversation," and "Texas in my Rearview

Mirror."

The Lubbock, Texas-native was also a film and stage actor, TV and radio personality and had a solo career as a singer. Davis said he was in awe of Elvis' personality and thanked him for helping him as a songwriter and later as an artist.

"I watched him when he first came to Lubbock, Texas, and he stood on the back of a flatbed truck and the girls were just screaming and yelling and climbing up and trying to get to him," Davis told the crowd

of songwriters, artists and music industry representatives. "And I said, 'Man, I want to do that.'"

Rascal Flatts performed Davis' song "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me," while the four-part vocal group Little Big Town performed the softly poignant "In the Ghetto."

"I also want to know how you wrote a lyric that tells a woman to shut her mouth," Bryan joked before breaking into his best Elvis impression of "A Little Less Conversation." □

Millennials-aimed Vice adds TV channel to global lineup

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice Media is adding a U.S. cable channel to its digital video empire as it tries to gain viewers in old as well as new media.

The network, tentatively called "Viceland," is "the next step in the evolution of our brand and the first step in our global roll-out of networks around the world," said Shane Smith, Vice co-founder and CEO, in a statement Tuesday.

Viceland is expected to launch early next year, taking over A+E's H2 channel. It will be available in about 70 million homes.

Vice, based in the home of all-things-hip, Brooklyn, New York, caters to millennials — the 18-to-34-year-olds prized by advertisers. It was born as a print magazine in Montreal in 1994, and made its name with edgy, provocative online video.

It dipped its toe in TV with

a short-lived MTV series, "The Vice Guide to Everything," that started in late 2010. Then it struck a deal with HBO for a weekly news magazine that began in 2013. That's grown into plans for a daily newscast on HBO and documentaries.

There's been a slew of old-media partnerships and investments: A movie deal with Fox in December of 2014, although it hasn't announced any projects yet. Short video on Verizon's new go90 mobile video service.

A Canadian TV network that's planned to start in winter of 2016. A+E Networks, which is owned by Disney and Hearst, last year bought a 10 percent stake in Vice. There are shows on European networks.

That's landed the company a \$2.5 billion valuation as of its last round of fundraising, more than year ago.

According to CNBC, Smith said in October that Vice's profit and revenue have been doubling every year.



In this May 31, 2015 file photo, Vice co-founder and CEO Shane Smith attends the 74th Annual Peabody Awards in New York.

Associated Press

Vice spokesman Jake Goldman said the company was on track for \$1 billion in bookings this year, with an unspecified portion of that producing revenue next year.

Why does Vice want to be on TV? Smith told CNBC last month, "We want to be able to go to our brands and say we can do TV, we can do mobile, we can do OTT, we can do everything." (OTT is "over-the-

top," or online video that you don't need a cable subscription for, like HBO Now, Netflix and Hulu.) Live TV ratings have slid as viewers migrate online — watching Vice videos on YouTube, for example. Time spent on live TV is slipping as smartphone use climbs, according to ratings tracker Nielsen. Tradi-

tional media companies like A+E, Comcast's NBCUniversal and Disney have invested in digital media outlets.

But TV is still a huge force, even for the young. A study released Tuesday by Common Sense Media showed that 58 percent of teenagers watch TV every day, with half that time spent on live viewing.

Oscar-winning writer-director Spike Jonze, a Vice partner and creative director, is overseeing the development of Viceland. It will feature hundreds of hours of new programming developed and produced by Vice.

The initial slate of prime-time shows will include "Gaycation" (with Ellen Page and Ian Daniel), "Huang's World" (with Eddie Huang), "Noisy" (with Zach Goldbaum), "Vice World of Sports" (with Sal Masekela) and "Weediquette" (with Krishna Andavolu). □

NBC sets second Red Nose Day fundraiser for May 2016

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC has decided red is its color: The network is bringing its Red Nose Day fundraiser back for a second year.

NBC said Tuesday the two-hour program featuring stars, comedy and music will air next spring.

Donations will go to groups helping children living in poverty in the United States and elsewhere in the world. The recipients will be announced later.

Last year's Red Nose Day campaign raised more than \$23 million, the network said, with the money distributed to a dozen charities.

It was the first U.S. version of Britain's three-decade old "Red Nose Day" event that's raised more than \$1 billion.

NBC said its Red Nose Day sequel will air May 26. □



In this May 21, 2015 file photo, Jill Kargman attends NBC's Red Nose Day entertainment charity event at The Hammerstein Ballroom in New York.

Associated Press

CEO says ad-free CBS All Access for \$10 is 'very possible'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS is contemplating offering its online service CBS All Access free of ads for \$10 a month, a \$4 surcharge that matches what online video service Hulu charges for stripping out commercials.

CEO Les Moonves told analysts Tuesday "it's a very possible thing for the future" to charge \$9.99 for an ad-free version of the service. His statement, following the release of the company's quarterly earnings, came just a day after CBS announced it would run a new "Star Trek" series exclusively on the online platform in 2017.

Moonves said CBS All Access had its largest subscriber growth yet in September, helped by new shows, without specifying further. He called the service "a major priority" as young people's viewing habits increasingly shift to mobile devices and away from appointment viewing.

The New York company said revenue fell 3 percent to \$3.26 billion in the quarter through September, coming up short of the \$3.27 billion expected by analysts polled by FactSet. It blamed fewer sporting events and the lack of an election for hurting ad revenue.

Net income fell 74 percent to \$426 million, or 88 cents per share, a decline largely caused by a one-time revenue boost last year from splitting off its outdoor billboard business. The earnings still topped estimates for 80 cents per share.

Shares rose 3 percent, or \$1.47, to \$49.71 in after-hours trading after the results were released. □

Americans Abroad Celebrate Holidays by Tweaking Tradition

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In our global world, you can easily buy a Thanksgiving turkey for roasting in Dubai or Beijing or Tokyo. You can shop for Christmas trees in Bangkok, where stores play Christ-

the cost is expensive. And jet lag with children eats up the first week of the holiday and our first week returning to Asia."

When going home isn't a good option, how do families stay connected to their holiday traditions?

home just wasn't practical. So this Thanksgiving weekend, the family will decorate their Shanghai apartment with a tree and other decorations to connect with the Christmas spirit. Then, when school ends in late December, they'll

for 12 days and are calling it our '12 Days of Christmas.'"

Like the Startas, in early December the Hurds kick off the season by putting up a small, artificial Christmas tree and a few familiar decorations from home. Hurd plays Christmas songs and bakes cookies with the kids using family recipes, and they sometimes attend holiday events on the military base where they live.

Then they'll fly south, celebrating Christmas at a Club Med in Singapore, with a visit to Malaysia's Legoland theme park.

After four years overseas, Hurd's kids (now 8, 11 and 13) have come to embrace holidays on the road. They've hunted for Easter eggs in Taiwan, and worn their candy-cane Christmas pajamas everywhere from Hong Kong to Indonesia.

— often herring. Our Aussie friends make pavlova, and British friends bring a variety of salads and breads."

Theresa Starta did the same in Dubai last year on Thanksgiving; guests came into the kitchen to see the perfectly roasted turkey emerge from the oven, and she explained a bit about each dish. She told her international friends that green-bean casserole is "sort of like everybody's crazy uncle who has to be there," but most family members don't really want to have any.

She loves "the giving aspect of preparing this meal for somebody who's never had it before," and was delighted to find that the casserole, of all things, turned out to be the group's favorite: "Everybody came back for seconds."

DON'T TRY TO REPLICATE THE PAST

Lauri Barrett's childhood memories of holidays in New Hampshire are Christmas-card perfect: lots of snow-covered pine trees and holiday lights twinkling in the chilly air.

But she's learned that trying to replicate those memories with her very global family (her husband, Lincoln, is from New Zealand, and they are raising their 9-year-old daughters, both adopted from China, in Thailand) just doesn't work. "If you try to recreate it, it's just going to fall short," she says.

"You have to make it different, so you don't have that nostalgia."

Barrett's daughters attend an American school but don't have Thanksgiving off. So earlier in November, she'll host a Thanksgiving potluck lunch for members of the American Women's Club of Thailand.

For Christmas, the family will travel to South Korea for a ski trip.

Barrett says she'll bring as many gifts as possible, and Santa will make an appearance at their hotel, as will the Elf on a Shelf. □



In this 2014 photo, Theresa Starta and her family host guests from other countries at their home in Dubai, serving a traditional turkey dinner on Thanksgiving and sharing the history of each dish. Spending the holiday season far from home can be challenging for American families living overseas. One solution: Invite friends in your host country over for a holiday meal, sharing your family's traditions with people who may never have learned about them before.

(Christina Lundgren/Theresa Starta via AP).

mas carols throughout December, a constant reminder that Santa Claus can come to town even when you're 8,000 miles from home.

And yet, if you're an American family living overseas, the availability of these holiday touchstones doesn't change the fact that you're not really home for the holidays.

November and December bring a bittersweet mash-up of holiday cheer and homesickness.

Some families do fly back to the U.S. for the holidays. But that can be expensive and challenging, especially with school-age kids.

"During the first few years when our kids were younger, we tried to travel back to the States to visit with our families," says Melindah Bush, who lives with her husband and three children in Singapore. "But

Some Americans living in Asia share their strategies for making the season as cheerful as possible:

EMBRACE ADVENTURE

For Theresa Starta, the holidays used to be easy. She and her husband, Dan, both grew up in the Pittsburgh suburbs, and were used to seeing both sets of in-laws on major holidays. They got stuffed having two Thanksgiving dinners every year, but it was good: They had football on the TV, familiar dishes in the kitchen and loved ones all around.

After they relocated to Dubai for Dan's career, they flew home for several holidays with their two children. It's about a 20-hour trip, with an 8-hour time shift.

Then this year they moved to Shanghai, and the even longer Christmas flight

head off on a National Geographic adventure trip to Antarctica.

Theresa says her kids will miss being home with relatives and friends. But their excitement at trekking around Antarctica surrounded by penguins is enough to keep the homesickness at bay.

BUILD A FAMILY OF FRIENDS

Pam Hurd's family, now based in Okinawa while her husband serves in the Marine Corps, takes a similar approach. Christmas has become synonymous with travel, and for the past three holiday seasons they've traveled with American friends who have become like a second family.

"We are so looking forward to spending this Christmas in Singapore and Malaysia with our friends," Hurd says. "We are there

KEEP A FEW TRADITIONS GOING

Creating new traditions is important for many American expat families. Bush spent much of her childhood in California, and her husband, Nathan, grew up in North Carolina, so their holidays in those warm places didn't involve sledding or building snowmen. But they were filled with extended family, Thanksgiving turkeys in the oven and Christmas mornings at home.

Now, in Singapore, they've kept their Thanksgiving traditions going while discovering new ones during potluck suppers with friends.

"We and our American friends make the traditional foods like turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green-bean casserole and pumpkin pie," Melindah says. "We also invite our non-American friends to join and share their traditional foods."

So we have had Chinese and Asian friends bring noodles and dumplings. Scandinavian friends have brought various appetizers